

**WHEREAS,** Sedgwick County Zoo opened in 1971 with just the American and Asian farms and has grown to include more than 2,500 individual animals of nearly 400 species, including gorillas, penguins and tigers; and

**WHEREAS,** Sedgwick County Zoo is a not-for-profit organization, accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation, and your link to helping animals in their native habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important that we work to conserve animals such as those found in aquariums and zoos. Seeing live animals in zoos gives adults and children a greater appreciation and concern for the animals; and

**WHEREAS,** many of the successes to save endangered or declining species are a part of the work done in zoos and aquariums; and

**WHEREAS,** Sedgwick County Zoo is a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a better future for all living things, and a great experience for individuals and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, David Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim August 27 and 28 as

**“SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION”**

and encourage citizens to visit Sedgwick County Zoo for free admission on August 27 and 28 to enjoy this community gem.

August 24, 2011