

**WHEREAS,** much is expected from the men and women who work in our county correctional facilities every day; and

**WHEREAS,** correctional officers are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators and experts at crisis intervention, and must preserve the safety of lives and property, maintaining their professional demeanor while often facing hostile, aggressive and intimidating behavior from inmates; and

**WHEREAS,** these officers must possess an intuitive sense to resolve conflicts and save lives, while also preserving the physical ability to restrain persons representing a danger to themselves and others; and

**WHEREAS,** Sedgwick County is pleased to join in celebrating Correctional Officers Week, and in urging all citizens to pay special tribute to these men and women who serve so faithfully, often with little thanks or recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Tim Norton, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2012, as

**“CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK”**

and encourage all citizens to honor and show sincere appreciation for the correctional officers who make it possible to keep the detention and correctional facilities safe each day.

May 9, 2012