

WHEREAS, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and have an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas' families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are, as a community, extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, by providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas' children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tim Norton, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

April 4, 2012