

**WHEREAS,** more than 24 million Americans suffer the impact of crime each year; and

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence and sexual assault have devastating consequences for thousands of victims in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** crime victims experience anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, lost work hours and productivity, drug and alcohol abuse, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population; and

**WHEREAS,** crime victims may be forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

**WHEREAS,** these individuals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect by our criminal justice system and society at large.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2015 as

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

April 15, 2015