

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, fires, specifically home fires, are a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, as they killed 3,362 people in the United States in 2015, according to the U.S. Fire Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!" Is so important, and reminds us why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 8 - 14th, 2017 as

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

And I urge Sedgwick County residents to have an escape plan for their home and know at least two ways out. And to support public safety activities and efforts of Sedgwick County's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

October 4, 2017