

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States affecting over 2 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong nature of Autism requires a variety of assistance at different points in an individual's life; and

WHEREAS, a variety of public and private organizations strive to provide quality care, support or services to children and adults with Autism to enable them to live as independently as possible and to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, over 40 Sedgwick County affiliated service providers work to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to receive quality services and achieve greater independence; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of individuals with Autism who have thrived and excelled in Sedgwick County communities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April 9, 2014