

Wichita and Sedgwick County have a long history of jazz performance beginning in the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, Joshua L. Yearout wrote his thesis on Wichita and Sedgwick County Jazz 1920 – 1940 and was granted a master's in public history from Wichita State University and then passed away in July 2009 at age 33; and

WHEREAS, Rowfant Press has now published a book based on this thesis with profits going to Joshua's widow Amy; and

WHEREAS, this book is now available for sale at the Kansas African American Museum, as well as at a reception at Wichita City Arts from 6 to 9 p.m. August 27; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Karl Peterjohn, chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2010, as

“Sedgwick County Jazz History Day”

in honor of the many talented musicians who entertained the citizens of Sedgwick County and of the research and writing of the late Joshua L. Yearout about the history of jazz in the area.

August 25, 2010