

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