

WHEREAS, the focus of National Recovery Month this September is to “Join the Voices for Recovery: Visible, Vocal, Valuable!” with a focus on bringing people together to share real life experiences of the power of recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 there were a total of 3,471 admissions for addiction treatment in Sedgwick County (63 percent male and 37 percent female). At time of admission 31 percent reported their primary substance of abuse was alcohol, nine percent were unemployed, 10 percent were homeless, 30 percent reported having a mental health disorder, and 5 percent of females reported they were pregnant; and

WHEREAS, COMCARE of Sedgwick County promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use and we applaud the contributions and dedication of treatment and service providers across Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of Americans believe that treatment and support can help people with mental illnesses lead normal lives. Recovery Month’s message is that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Ranzau, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Mental and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, but with the commitment and support of our community, people with these disorders can achieve healthy lifestyles and lead rewarding lives in recovery.

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