

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, forever changed the landscape of a US city, took the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans, and reshaped the manner in which we now defend our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, those events also proved that Americans will rally in the face of adversity and support those who are dedicated to ensuring our protection; and

WHEREAS, 14 years later, those events serve as reminders that we cannot allow fear to run our lives but instead work to be prepared to live in our new reality; and

WHEREAS, September 2015 marks the 12th annual National Preparedness Month, which was established in response to the tragic events of 9/11 as an outreach of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an effort to raise awareness for disaster preparedness in communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, agencies across the country work daily to inform, plan and prepare to reduce the possibility and impact of future attacks and disasters; and

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County residents also can take steps to be better prepared to reduce effects of an attack or disaster, beginning with an emergency kit and plan; and

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

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

In Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to be informed, make a plan, build an emergency kit, and get involved in preparedness efforts.

September 9, 2015