

**WHEREAS**, members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and the Mid-Western Region, which includes the local Beta Kappa Omega and Epsilon Alpha Chapters of Wichita, are hosting the 86th Mid-Western Regional Conference on March 17-20, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Conference convenes several hundred members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority from the states Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming; the conference is an opportunity to showcase how members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority use leadership skills through service to improve the quality of life for all mankind; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is an international service organization founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.; it is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American, college educated women; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to study and help alleviate issues negatively impacting local communities and to be of service to all mankind; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County is honored to have the Mid-Western Regional Conference in our community this year, and we thank the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Mid-Western Region for their commitment to service and to the advancement of girls and women.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby welcome members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Sedgwick County for their 86th Mid-Western Regional Conference.

In Sedgwick County and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

March 16, 2016