

WHEREAS, Sedgwick County, Kansas supports Donate Life America's vision to be a community that embraces donation as a fundamental human responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Donate Life Kansas is a collaborative team consisting of professional partner organizations connected to the donation and transplant communities with a goal to make LIFE possible by educating and motivating individuals to register their decision to be organ, eye and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, 60 percent of adults in Kansas have joined the Kansas Donor Registry and Kansas was nationally recognized for the largest annual Donor Designation Rate increase during 2015; and

WHEREAS, despite a record number of 30,000 organ transplants, one million tissue transplants and 48,000 gifts of sight helping to save or enhance lives in 2015, the number in need of life-saving transplants has grown to 125,000 Americans. This insurmountable gap can only be narrowed with more people registering to give the gift of life and sight; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye and tissue donors are LIFE donors. Donate Life Kansas encourages all residents to make LIFE possible by registering your donation decision at www.DonateLifeKansas.com and reaffirming this decision when obtaining or renewing your driver's license by saying, "Yes, I want to be a donor."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April, 2016 as

National Donate Life Month

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

April 13, 2016