WHEREAS, during the first full week in April each year, the American Public Health Association brings together communities across the US to observe National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Healthiest Nation 2030" encourages public health professionals, health care providers, decision makers and residents to partner together to spur the community to make the healthy choice the default; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week provides community members with an excellent opportunity to make small changes that will have big impacts in their health; and

WHEREAS, communities can support behavior changes by creating environments that make healthy choices the easy choice through improved access to physical activity programs, fresh fruits and vegetables, healthcare and health education; and

WHEREAS, every day, public health professionals work tirelessly to reinforce these messages and do their part to influence change; and

WHEREAS, one of the Sedgwick County Health Department's public health champions, Dr. Doren Fredrickson, passed away in 2008 after dedicating his life to improving the health of the Sedgwick County community; and

WHEREAS, his legacy and that of many other public health champions, such as Carolyn Gaughan are commemorated through the Doren Fredrickson Lifetime Commitment to Public Health Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 4-10, 2016 as

National Public Health Week

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

April 6, 2016