## WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians of Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Services are committed to provide exemplary medical care and ambulance transportation to the citizens of Sedgwick County; and

**WHEREAS**, Sedgwick County EMS is ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency health care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and other health care professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 - 21, 2016 as

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

The 2016 theme for EMS Week is "Called to Care." I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

May 18, 2016