WHEREAS, annually, on the Monday before Thanksgiving, public health organizations around the country take time to recognize public health professionals who work tirelessly to promote wellness, prevent disease and protect the public from health threats; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Public Health is Your Health" reminds everyone in the community that public health initiatives keep them safe on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Thank You Day provides community members with an excellent opportunity to make small changes that will have big impacts in their health and recognize public health heroes who make it easier for the healthy choice to be the default choice; 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, this year, as we recognize public health heroes for the exemplary efforts in making our community a better place to live, learn, earn, play and pray;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Howell, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize November 21, 2016 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH THANK YOU DAY

In Sedgwick County and invite Becky Tuttle from Health ICT, to come forward for the presentation of this year's awards.

November 14, 2016