

**WHEREAS,** ACT of South Central Kansas (Advocates in Communities Team), along with dozens of agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities, is making a concerted in effort in 2017 to bring awareness of the needs and abilities of individuals with mental retardation to our cities, county, and state; and

**WHEREAS,** intellectual and or developmental disabilities are conditions which affects more than 9,000 Sedgwick County children and adults and their families, many of whom wait on long lists for needed services and supports; and

**WHEREAS,** public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of issues affecting people living with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disability Awareness Month, and thousands of social service agencies serving millions across our nation will be undertaking public and awareness initiatives during this month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

**Developmental Disability Awareness Month**

in Sedgwick County and call upon all Sedgwick County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental retardation and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental retardation to live full productive lives within our community.

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