

WHEREAS, our legal institutions and system of justice depend on popular participation and support to maintain legitimate authority; and

WHEREAS, lawyers and judges recognize that they bear a special responsibility to foster public understanding of law and legal institutions and commitment to the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Law Day has been an annual observance since President Dwight Eisenhower established it in 1958 as “a time of national dedication to the principle of government under law” and is celebrated nationally on May 1; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Bar Association annually joins in this celebration through a variety of activities, including hundreds of attorneys to speak in schools across Sedgwick County to promote awareness of our laws and will celebrate Law Day 2017 on May 9; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2017 Law Day theme to be “The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy” in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, David M. Unruh, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the second week in May as

“LAW WEEK IN SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS”

And I call upon the people of Sedgwick County to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flag of the United States and our city/state in support of this educational observance. I further encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic, and service organizations to join members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Week.

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