

WHEREAS, in 1981 four Asians formed the Wichita Asian Association to promote cultural awareness among various Asian groups, foster an understanding and application of Asian cultures by the community, to strengthen awareness among youth of Asian ancestry, and to provide opportunities for expression through diverse Asian cultural arts; and

WHEREAS, Wichita has an Asian population of about 11,300 and the WAA brings together a vastly diverse community consisting of more than 13 countries from south and Fareast Asia, representing various ethnic groups and religions under one roof; and

WHEREAS, WAA members give presentations to organizations, schools, and service providers about Asian culture and how to interact with Asian clients; and

WHEREAS, through the annual Asian Festival and other cultural events, the WAA is able to educate non-Asians about Asian art, culture, and religion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

And encourage all citizens to join them in celebration by attending the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month event May 13th, 2018 from 11am to 5pm at the Chinese Garden inside Botanica.

May 9, 2018