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, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20 - 26, 2016 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

The 2018 theme for EMS Week is "Stronger Together." I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

May 23, 2016