

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by Congress in 1987, designated the month of March as “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month”; and

WHEREAS, statistically more than 9,000 residents of Sedgwick County have an intellectual or other developmental disability and our community is becoming increasingly aware that intellectual and developmental disabilities do not keep individuals from realizing their full potential at school, work or home, or as members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to change the attitudes and beliefs about the abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities is through everyone’s work and active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individuals contribution; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to promote both the expectations and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate fully in our community, including access to integrated employment, education, housing and civic engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March, 2019, as

National Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

in Sedgwick County and encourage all citizens to support people with intellectual and developmental disability and their families in all aspects of community life.

March 13, 2019