

WHEREAS, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of NIIW. Since 1994, hundreds of communities across the United States have joined to celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health; and

WHEREAS, several important milestones in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide have already been reached; vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the U.S., and we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age two; and

WHEREAS, NIIW provides many opportunities such as highlighting the dangers of vaccine-preventable diseases, especially to infants and young children, and educating parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination in protecting their children from birth against vaccine-preventable diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chairman David T. Dennis, and the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby recognize the week of April 27-May 4, 2019 as

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

Adrienne Byrne, Director, Sedgwick County Health Department, will come forward to accept this proclamation.

April 17, 2019