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2011 CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In September of 1994, 11-year-old Sarah and 8-year-old Shane Reif of Hoisington, Kansas began collecting aluminum cans to help with the medical expenses of their 10-month-old cousin, Katie; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1996, the Reifs continued their effort and became known as Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these actions, Kans for Kids became a non-profit dedicated to assisting children in Barton County, Kansas who are living with Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kans for Kids has raised more than \$500,000 to assist 25 children and their families in Barton County; and

WHEREAS, Kans for Kids has touched the lives of 7 children and their families in Hoisington, 14 children and their families in Great Bend, and 3 children and their families in Ellinwood; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer takes more children's lives than any other disease; and

WHEREAS, Every year more than 15,000 children and young adults are diagnosed with Cancer; and

WHEREAS, On any given day, approximately 46 young people, or two classrooms of students are diagnosed with Cancer; and

WHEREAS, One of every 330 persons in the United States will develop Cancer before their twentieth birthday. The median age of diagnosis in children is six years of age; and

WHEREAS, Our children are our most precious resource and are truly golden in our hearts and minds;

NOW THEREFORE, I, *J.P. [Signature]*, the Mayor/Chair of the County Commission of the City/County of *Pawnee Rock KS, Barton* do hereby proclaim September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the City/County of *Pawnee Rock KS, Barton* and encourage all citizens to honor childhood Cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers and remember the young people who have lost their live to this devastating disease.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to commend Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation for their efforts to assist children and their families struggling with Cancer in our City/County.

DATED this 12 day of September, 2011.



Timothy M. Parret, Mayor/Chairperson



Jennifer Ball, City/County Clerk