



# PROCLAMATION

~IN RECOGNITION OF~

## NATIONAL DEAF HISTORY MONTH



*WHEREAS, approximately one in ten Americans is either born deaf or has acquired some form of hearing loss due to an accident, illness, noise, heredity, or aging; and*

*WHEREAS, although the term "deaf community" implies uniformity, it actually consists of diverse individuals with varying communication modes and backgrounds, both deaf and hearing, who share common characteristics of hearing loss and/or deaf culture; and*

*WHEREAS, the deaf community has been long unrecognized and misunderstood by most Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, for forty-one years, since the 1970s, the general public has been becoming more aware of the deaf community and sign language through television, theatre and libraries, which have been instrumental in promoting public awareness.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, does hereby proclaim March 13, 2011 – April 15, 2011, as "National Deaf History Month," and urges all citizens to promote public awareness of American Sign Language, deaf culture, and the history of our deaf community.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

BY

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