

Proclamation

DEDICATING SEPTEMBER 23RD AS “SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY”

Whereas, Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is an inherited red blood cell disorder that can cause chronic pain and other serious health conditions including vision problems, fatigue, joint damage, heart issues, bacterial infections, kidney failure, and strokes; and

Whereas, in United States more than 100,000 people are diagnosed with SCD, which primarily affects the African American community, those afflicted are often forced to put their lives on hold due to extended hospital stays; and

Whereas, over 370,000 people worldwide lose their lives to Sickle Cell Disease each year and there is no known cure, although stem cell and bone marrow transplants sometimes work, low donor participation and treatment-related complications often put those options out of reach; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners supports all efforts to address and research this disease in hopes of one day finding a cure.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that September 23rd, 2023 shall be known, designated, and set aside as **Sickle Cell Awareness Day** in Indian River County, Florida.

Adopted this day of 12th day of September, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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