

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS SICKLE CELL
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sickle-cell disease is an inherited condition that affects the red blood cells causing pain, infection, disability, economic strain and even death;

WHEREAS, the disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people of many racial and ethnic groups in the United States and millions are affected globally;

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is most common among persons with ancestry from Africa, South or Central America, Caribbean Islands, India, Saudi Arabia and Mediterranean countries such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy and more than 2 million people carry the sickle cell gene;

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell disease occurs among 1 out of every 500 Black or African-American births and among about 1 out of every 36,000 Hispanic-American births;

WHEREAS, diagnostic procedures have been improved as well as the ability to combat life-threatening complications;

WHEREAS, since 1970, Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency has provided education, counseling, testing, case management, Summer Camp and other support services for people living with sickle cell disease and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it hereby recognizes the month of September, 2015 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month.