



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, in 1910 Dr. James B. Herrick discovered sickle cell anemia for the first time in the western hemisphere. This year marks the 101th anniversary of that important medical discovery. The Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, Inc., was incorporated in 1980 and began providing services to the community; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell is a hereditary blood disorder which is the most common if genetic disorders. Although it predominantly affects blacks and members of the darker races, sickle cell is a global disease and affects persons of all backgrounds, nationalities, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Foundation is a community-based nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that seeks to improve the quality of life for persons with sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait and members of their families; and

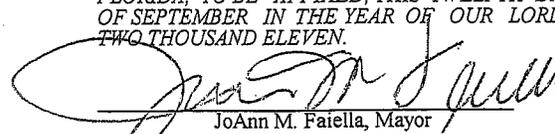
WHEREAS, in addition to education and community awareness, services include screening, counseling, family support groups, normalization and socialization activities, and providing information and education to parents of newborns who test positive for sickle cell trait. Literature and materials are available in English, Haitian Creole, and Spanish.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, do hereby proclaim that the month of September 2011, be observed as

SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.


JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor


Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk



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August 5, 2011

Honorable JoAnn Faiella
Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie
121 S W Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984

Dear Mayor Faiella:

In celebration of September as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month and to help foster awareness among your residents, we are requesting that you issue a proclamation decreeing September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month. If proclamations are presented as part of your Commission/Council meetings, a Sickle Cell representative can be present to accept, with advance notice. Media outlets are also being informed about Sickle Cell Awareness Month and will be requested to cover your presentation.

Sickle Cell is a hereditary blood disorder which is the most common of genetic disorders; yet, very few people actually know about this disease. Although it predominantly affects Blacks and members of the darker races, Sickle Cell is a **global** disease and affects persons of all backgrounds, nationalities and ethnicities.

Sickle Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast, Inc. (SCF) is a community-based nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that seeks to improve the quality of life for persons with Sickle Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Trait and members of their families throughout our service area. In addition to education and community awareness, services include screening, counseling, family support groups, normalization and socialization activities, providing information and education to parents of newborns who test positive for Sickle Cell Trait. Literature and materials are available in English, Haitian Creole and Spanish; services can also be provided in French, Haitian Creole or Spanish for persons more comfortable with their native language.

Our 8th Annual Walk Into A Smile and Health Fair will take place on September 17, 2011 at Gaines Park in West Palm Beach and simultaneously at Sandhill Crane Park in Port St. Lucie. A series of professional development workshops on Exertional Sickling will also be held in Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast September 19-21, 2011. We would welcome participation by you and your constituents at these celebratory events.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and invite you to contact us at 561-833-3113 or thesicklecellfoundation@yahoo.com should you have any questions or need additional information.

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→ YC spoke with Yvette Coursey 8/16

With Kind Regards,

Yvette
Yvette L. Coursey, DPA
Chief Executive Officer

Michelle, I spoke with Yvette Coursey
She will be present at 9/12/11 Council Mtg.
She might bring her Board Members.

Yvette Coursey



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