

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-693**

5 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO
6 BE SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN
7 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

10 **WHEREAS**, sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that
11 mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in other
12 ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and Middle
13 Eastern descent; and

14 **WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease affects approximately 100,000
15 Americans, occurring in about 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic American
16 births and in about 1 out of every 365 Black or African American
17 births, where about 1 in 13 Black or African American babies is born
18 with sickle cell trait; and

19 **WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease is a genetic condition that is
20 present at birth, and is inherited when a child receives two genes,
21 one from each parent, that code for abnormal hemoglobin and can lead
22 to chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and damage to vital
23 organs; and

24 **WHEREAS**, while the only therapy approved by the Food and Drug
25 Administration that may be able to cure sickle cell disease is a bone
26 marrow or stem cell transplant from a close donor match; however,
27 early identification of a child with sickle cell disease coupled with
28 antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and early intervention
29 services helps those with sickle cell disease while researchers
30 continue to search for a cure; now therefore

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

1 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby declares the month of
2 September to be Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in Jacksonville
3 and encourages all citizens to become educated about this disease,
4 its impact on those who suffer from it, the costs it imposes on
5 society at large, and the work being done to find a permanent cure.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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