

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Becton, Ferraro, Bowman, Wilson, Cumber, Boylan,
3 Gaffney, Pittman, Priestly Jackson, White, Diamond, DeFoor,
4 Freeman, Salem, Hazouri, Carlucci and Newby:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2020-595**

8 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
9 TO BE SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN
10 JACKSONVILLE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
11 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month;
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16 **WHEREAS**, sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder
17 that mostly affects people of African ancestry, but also occurs in
18 other ethnic groups, including people who are of Mediterranean and
19 Middle Eastern descent; and

20 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 100,000 Americans have
21 sickle cell anemia and about 2 million Americans – including 1 in
22 12 African Americans – have sickle cell trait, which means they
23 carry a single gene for the disease, but do not have the disease
24 itself; and

25 **WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease is a complex genetic disorder
26 characterized by chronic anemia, episodes of debilitating pain and
27 damage to vital organs; and

28 **WHEREAS**, early identification of a child with sickle cell
29 disease coupled with antibiotic prophylaxis by 3 months of age and
30 early intervention services, helps those with sickle cell disease
31 while researchers continue to search for a cure; now therefore

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

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

8 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
9 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
10 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
11 emergency is that Sickle Cell Awareness Month is the month of
12 September and City Council desires to show its support for this
13 commemoration before the month is completed.

14 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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