

City of Santa Ana

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing

SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects an estimated 70,000 to 100,000 Americans. It affects people of many different racial and ethnic groups and occurs in about 1 out of every 36,000 Hispanic Americans births; and

WHEREAS, the average life expectancy of someone who suffers from Sickle Cell Disease in America is about 40 years. Where treatments are not readily available, they often die in early childhood. In underdeveloped countries, 60-to-80 percent of babies with Sickle Cell Disease die before two years of age; and

WHEREAS Sickle Cell Disease causes lung tissue damage, pain and stroke. The blockage of blood flow caused by the disease also causes damage to most organs including the spleen, kidneys and liver; and

WHEREAS Sickle Cell Disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders. In sickle cell disease, the red blood cells become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a sickle cell. The sickle cells die early, which causes a constant shortage of red blood cells. When they travel through small blood vessels, they get stuck and clog the blood flow; and

WHEREAS the Sickle Cell Foundation of Orange County is committed to increasing the public's awareness of the disease, its management and myriad of issues through educational seminars, community based workshops and support programs; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Ana living with this Chronic Blood Disorder can call upon the Sickle Cell Foundation of Orange County for support and information on local treatment centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIGUEL A. PULIDO, MAYOR of the City of Santa Ana, on behalf of the City Council do hereby recognize September 2011 as

SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all residents of Santa Ana to educate themselves about Sickle Cell Disease and to help those with the disease live a healthy life.

Dated: September 1, 2011



Miguel A. Pulido
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Mayor