



County of Orange

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following Proclamation is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects between 70,000 and 100,000 Americans in many different racial and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease patients have a 40 year life expectancy and often die in early childhood as a result of low availability or unsuccessful treatments; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease can cause lung tissue damage, pain episodes, stroke, or damage to organs including the spleen, kidney and liver as a result of the obstructed flow of blood; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease occurs when red blood cells normally used to carry oxygen to the body become sickle cells, whose hardness, stickiness, C-shape, and short life cause consistent blood shortages, discomfort and pain; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease patients living in Orange County turn to the Sickle Cell Foundation of Orange County for support and guidance when searching for medical care and treatment, once a diagnosis has been made; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease patients receive continued support from the Sickle Cell Foundation of Orange County, who works to raise public awareness of the disorder through educational seminars, community based workshops, educational activities and other support programs, all in hopes of providing youth, parents, caregivers, family, and community members with tools to understand the disease, its management, and its need for support; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease patients and the Sickle Cell Foundation of Orange County will be given special commendation during "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness" month in September; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that September be declared "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month" in Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN BILL CAMPBELL does hereby commend the strength of those living with Sickle Cell Disease, join the residents of Orange County in an expression of appreciation for patients and those who advocate on their behalf during "Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month," and offer best wishes for the future.

September 10, 2011

Bill Campbell

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Third District