
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DiSANTO, MENSCH, MARTIN, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL
AND J. WARD, JUNE 9, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 19, 2020, as "World Sickle Cell Awareness Day"
2 in Pennsylvania to shine the light on sickle cell disease.

3 WHEREAS, On December 22, 2008, the General Assembly of the
4 United Nations adopted a resolution, drafted by the Democratic
5 Republic of Congo, to recognize sickle cell disease as a serious
6 world health problem on June 19 of each year at the national and
7 international levels beginning in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, The United Nations has declared June 19 as "World
9 Sickle Cell Awareness Day"; and

10 WHEREAS, June 19, 2020, is the 11th anniversary of "World
11 Sickle Cell Awareness Day"; and

12 WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease is recognized as one of the
13 world's foremost genetic diseases; and

14 WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease has severe physical,
15 psychological and social consequences for those affected and
16 their families and its homozygote form makes it one of the most
17 lethal genetic diseases; and

18 WHEREAS, There is a serious need to raise public awareness

1 about sickle cell disease and to eliminate harmful prejudices
2 associated with the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the central Pennsylvania community are
4 organizing a "Shine the Light on Sickle Cell Disease" event to
5 recognize the 11th anniversary of "World Sickle Cell Awareness
6 Day"; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of the central Pennsylvania community are
8 hosting a gathering to "shine the light on sickle cell disease"
9 to help increase awareness, build support networks, raise
10 critical resources and strengthen this Commonwealth's collective
11 resolve to advocate for access to sickle cell services and a
12 cure for sickle cell disease; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize June 19, 2020, as "World
14 Sickle Cell Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to shine the light on
15 sickle cell disease.