
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 177 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DiSANTO, BARTOLOTTA, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, FONTANA,
HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KANE, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN,
SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO AND J. WARD, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2021 as "National Sickle Cell
2 Awareness Month" and proclaiming that "sickle cell disease
3 matters."

4 WHEREAS, The Senate of Pennsylvania recognizes that September
5 2021 is "National Sickle Cell Awareness Month," designated by
6 the United States Congress to help focus attention on the need
7 for research and treatment of sickle cell disease; and

8 WHEREAS, It is recognized that sickle cell disease is one of
9 the world's foremost genetic diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease has severe physical,
11 psychological and social consequences for those affected and
12 their families, and in its homozygote form it is one of the most
13 lethal genetic diseases; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a serious need to raise public awareness
15 about sickle cell disease and to eliminate harmful prejudices
16 associated with the disease; and

17 WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
18 Inc., has designated "Sickle Cell Matters 2021" as this year's

1 theme; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of the South Central Pennsylvania Sickle
3 Cell Council and other organizations throughout the State work
4 to increase awareness, build support networks, raise critical
5 resources and strengthen our community's collective resolve to
6 advocate for access to sickle cell services and a cure for
7 sickle cell disease; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
9 2021 as "National Sickle Cell Awareness Month" and proclaim that
10 "sickle cell disease matters."