

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and its member organizations have demonstrated how community-based organizations can work as partners to bring about hope for a cure; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited disorder that affects red blood cells. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that become hard and pointed instead of soft and round. Sickle cells cause anemia, pain and many other, possibly life threatening, problems; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease affects people of many racial and ethnic groups. It is a global health problem and in the United States it is estimated that over 100,000 people have sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, people with Sickle Cell Disease can live productive lives and enjoy most of the activities that people without Sickle Cell Disease do, but they need to do things to keep themselves as healthy as possible by getting regular checkups, taking steps to prevent infections, and learning healthy habits.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Pennant, Mayor of the Town of Dundee, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL DISEASE

AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand caused the seal of the Town of Dundee, Florida to be affixed this _____day of ____ 2023.

TOWN OF DUNDEE, FLORIDA

Sam Pennant, Mayor

Attest:

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk