



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Sickle Cell Disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that affect hemoglobin, the protein that carries oxygen through the body, and;

WHEREAS: Approximately 100,000 Americans have Sickle Cell Disease that can cause acute, chronic pain and serious health complications, including infections, strokes, organ damage, vision problems and serious fatigue, and;

WHEREAS: Living with Sickle Cell Disease often means putting the goals and plans of everyday life on hold to accommodate the demands of the disease, enduring frequent unplanned hospital stays and struggling to pay for costly treatments not covered by insurance, and;

WHEREAS: Although the disease affects people of all backgrounds, it disproportionately affects Black and Hispanic Americans and can lead to a lack access to specialized care, treatment and critical information about managing the disease, and;

WHEREAS: Each September, the nation acknowledges all those living with Sickle Cell Disease and the many health and medical professionals working to find possible new effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Forest Park hereby recognizes the month of September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand on this 16th day of October 2023 and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

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