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Proclamation

Proclaim September 2024 to be National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

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Whereas, Sickle cell disease is inherited and is most common in people with an ancestry of Africa, South America, the Caribbean, and Central America, Saudi Arabia, India, Mediterranean countries such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy; and

Whereas, Sickle cell trait is also an inherited condition in which one sickle cell gene and one normal gene is received at the time of conception and may be passed on to infants, and in certain situations may cause complications of sickle cell disease such as painful episodes; and

Whereas, there are 2.5 million people in America with Sickle cell trait; 1 in approximately 500 with this painful disease; and it is imperative to inform and educate the general public that while there is no known common cure, the disease is treatable; and

Whereas, Sickle cell disease poses great psychological impacts; including in the domains of general public perceptions and attitudes, education, employment, health care access, emotional responses, and effective awareness and sensitivity can lighten the impact this disease imposes.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim September 2024, to be

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

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Introduced by

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