



Proclamation

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day

June 19, 2024

Whereas the World Health Organization (2006), the United Nations (2008) and the Government of Ontario (2021) have recognized Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) as a global and local public health priority and to raise awareness, and designated the 19th day of June every year as World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD); and

Whereas the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) recognizes SCD as an increasingly important medical issue in the province; and

Whereas out of the estimated 6,500 Canadians affected by SCD, 3,500 live in Ontario; and

Whereas over 65% of babies born with the disease nationally are born in the province of Ontario; and

Whereas through education and awareness programs, SCAGO is doing its part to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by the families with children, youth and adults living with Sickle Cell Disease;

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the day of **June 19, 2024 as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day** in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas
Mayor