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## Proclamation

Event: World Sickle Cell Awareness Day / Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day

Date: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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, Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (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;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County do hereby proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day in Northumberland County."

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

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**Brian Ostrander, Warden**