



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing the month of September as
Sickle Cell Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Awareness Month is observed annually in September to increase public knowledge and understanding of sickle cell disease and the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by it; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease is a genetic blood disorder that predominantly affects people of African, Hispanic, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern descent, with approximately 100,000 Americans living with sickle cell disease, and millions more worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Disparities in healthcare access and outcomes persist among communities of color, with African Americans being disproportionately affected by sickle cell disease and facing barriers to comprehensive care and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, Education and awareness are critical to improving health outcomes and ensuring equitable access to healthcare services for individuals with sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare providers and researchers continue to make strides in understanding and treating sickle cell disease, with ongoing advancements in medical care and therapies aimed at improving quality of life and extending longevity for those affected; and

WHEREAS, Community support and engagement are essential in promoting awareness, advocating for resources, and providing a supportive network for individuals and families affected by sickle cell disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Wake Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September as **SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**. We urge all residents to join us in raising awareness about sickle cell disease and supporting efforts to improve healthcare access and outcomes for individuals with this condition.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of September 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners