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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is the most common genetic disorder in the United States; and
WHEREAS, an estimated 100,000 people live with Sickle Cell Disease in the United States. Up to 80% are African-American but many different races are affected, millions are affected globally; and
WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease occurs among about 1 out of every 500 African-American births; and
WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that are present at birth. To have the disease, both sets of parents must pass down sickle cell genes. There is a 25% chance if both parents carry the Sickle Cell Trait. People who have SCT inherit one sickle cell gene from one parent and one normal gene from the other parent. People with SCT usually do not have any signs of the disease and live a normal life, but they can pass the trait on to their children; and,
WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Trait occurs among about 1 in 12 African-Americans; and
WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is diagnosed with a simple blood test. It most often is found at birth during routine newborn screening tests at the hospital. Because children with SCD are at an increased risk of infection and other health problems, early diagnosis and treatment are important; and
WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease is chronic but treatable although there is no single best treatment for all people with SCD. Treatment options are different for each person depending on the symptoms which can range from mild to severe; and
WHEREAS, there is no universal cure for Sickle Cell Disease and the average life expectancy is now in the mid-forties years of age; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, proclaim September 2016 Sickle Cell Awareness Month in the Borough of Mount Arlington in order to help raise awareness of Sickle Cell Disease and its victims.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of Borough of Mount Arlington at a regular meeting held on September 13, 2016.

Linda DeSantis, RMC
Municipal Clerk