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To proclaim September as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in the City of Columbus and to recognize the Faith Thomas Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center for their partnership advocating holistic health care for Sickle Cell patients.

**WHEREAS**, National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month began in 1975 as a month-long series of events highlighting the sickle cell disease and the need for action at the local and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease is a global health problem which affects more than 100,000 people in the United States - touching people of all races, and in some instances characterized by chronic fatigue and pain; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1000 babies or more are born with sickle cell disease in the United States each year -and while much as been done over the last 100 years to improve treatment, lower complications, and reduce symptoms for persons afflicted with this disease; there continues to be a gap in the care that is provided between children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the partnership between Nationwide Children's Hospital Sickle Cell and Thalassemia and the sickle cell program at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center was designed to bridge this gap by improving the health outcomes and services provided to sickle cell patients transitioning from childhood to adulthood - this project includes a clinic that provides education and psychological support to patients with sickle cell disease - moreover each of these organizations believes that the quality of life for sickle cell patients transitioning from childhood to adulthood can be improved by bringing together medical professionals, hospitals, and peer mentoring groups to coordinate holistic patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faith Thomas Foundation was born out of a vision to support this effort - this year the Foundation will hold its 4th Annual Red Diamond Gala, a dinner party benefiting: The Ohio State University's Comprehensive Cancer Center - the James Cancer Hospital, the Solove Research Institute Sickle Cell Program as well as the Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant Division of Nationwide Children's Sickle Cell Program; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS** that this Council does hereby proclaim September as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in the City of Columbus and recognize the Faith Thomas Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center for their partnership advocating holistic health care for Sickle Cell patients.