



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY, ONTARIO SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY**

**JUNE 19, 2025**

**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, 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**, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025 as **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, Ontario Sickle Cell Awareness Day**.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor  
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills