



PROCLAMATION

WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY, ONTARIO SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 19, 2026

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, 2026 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