



July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Office of the Clerk  
225 East Beaver Creek Road  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing, on behalf of the Sickle Cell Association of Ontario (SCAO), to request a proclamation from the Mayor of Richmond Hill to help honor September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

Sickle Cell Association of Ontario was founded in 1981 and is a volunteer, community-based, and charitable organization providing support to those living with Sickle Cell Disease and their families. We educate the general public about Sickle Cell Disease through conferences, workshops and outreach activities. We also continue to advocate on behalf of the Sickle Cell community for better services and treatment.

For the month of September, we are celebrating Sickle Cell Awareness Month to promote the awareness of Sickle Cell Disease to the communities in Ontario. The month is meant to be used as a time to increase public knowledge of Sickle Cell Disease and raise awareness of the struggles of individuals with Sickle Cell and the impact towards their families. By enlightening our community with the importance of Sickle Cell, we can engage health care professionals, support networks, and the public with starting important conversations about Sickle Cell. Additionally, this campaign will allow Sickle Cell individuals living in the Richmond Hill area to know that the City of Richmond Hill supports this campaign of education and awareness of Sickle Cell.

During September, we are holding events across Ontario in the celebration of Sickle Cell Awareness Month. Our main event is an annual celebration of Sickle Cell Awareness Month in collaboration with Camp Jumoke, Sickle Cell Association of Ontario, and TAIBU Community Health Centre at Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. The event invites anyone who would love to learn more about Sickle Cell and includes live entertainment, vendors, food, and outreach opportunities.

The Sickle Cell Association of Ontario encourages the City of Richmond Hill to join other communities across Ontario in the awareness and support of Sickle Cell Awareness Month. With further awareness, we can bring hope for the treatment and cure of Sickle Cell. Due to the importance of the awareness we are trying to spread, we would truly appreciate it if we could receive a proclamation from the City of Richmond Hill to honor this event which will be declared in our opening ceremony on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bailey".

Lisa Bailey  
President