

SICKLE CELL DISEASE
Resolution Submitted by NYSUT RC 15/16

Committees Recommendation - Approval

Whereas, Sickle Cell disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder; and

Whereas, SCD occurs in one of every 500 births in the United States, mostly African Americans; and

Whereas, there are over 10,000 affected by SCD in New York State... one out of every 260 African American births and to a smaller degree, White and Hispanic American births; and

Whereas, complications of SCD result in extreme pain episodes and crises requiring blood transfusions, IV therapy, pain mediation, and/or hospital stays; and

Whereas, medical insurance coverage for SCD treatment is not always available; and

Whereas, time lost from school and work due to SCD can cause disruption in school and employment continuity; and

Whereas, community, family and patient education about SCD has not met the overwhelming need, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will support legislation and programs that seek to assist patients and educate the public about Sickle Cell Disease.