

**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.