



## Proclamation

**"SHINE THE LIGHT ON SICKLE CELL" WORLD SICKLE CELL AWARENESS DAY  
JUNE 19, 2020**



**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 22, 2008 adopted a resolution, drafted by the Democratic Republic of Congo, to recognize sickle cell disease as a serious world health problem on June 19 of each year – starting in 2009 – at the national and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the UN has declared June 19 World Sickle Cell Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that sickle-cell disease is one of the world's foremost genetic diseases, that it has severe physical, psychological and social consequences for those affected and their families, and that in its homozygote form it is one of the most lethal genetic diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a serious need to raise public awareness about sickle-cell disease and to eliminate harmful prejudices associated with the disease; and

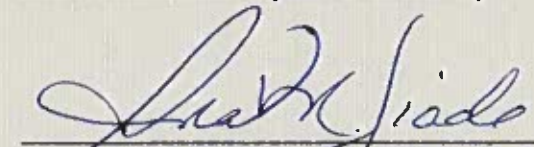
**WHEREAS**, members of our community are organizing a "Shine the Light on Sickle Cell Disease" event to celebrate World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, and

**WHEREAS**, our Sickle Cell Disease Association of Broward County, Inc., is hosting a gathering to "Shine the Light on Sickle Cell Disease" and in so doing to help increase awareness, build support networks, raise critical resources, and strengthen our community's collective resolve to advocate for access to sickle cell services and a universal cure for sickle cell disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Lauderdale proclaim June 19, 2020 to be:

**"Shine the Light on Sickle Cell Disease - World Sickle Cell Day Awareness Day"**

Dated June 9, 2020

  
MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE