



# City of Pittsburgh

510 City-County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Presented by Ms. Carlisle

WHEREAS, since 1987, the Sickle Cell Society, Inc., has been a community based facility with an open door policy serving approximately 1,000 families each year; and

WHEREAS, national statistics estimate one in 400 African-Americans suffer from Sickle Cell anemia. Sickle Cell disease continues to leave lives disrupted and families facing emotional and financial difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the Murray-Irvis Center is the first of its kind in the United States. Other sickle cell centers, which provide education, screening, counseling, research and medical treatment, are part of multi-million dollar National Institutes of health projects. The Sickle Cell Society's program is community funded; and

WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Society has dedicated and committed personnel which include: Neddie Hollis, Executive Director; Dr. Levi Walker, Medical Director; Dr. Frederick Samms, Board President, and Dr. Augustus Brown, Program Director and a devoted medical staff and support team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends the Sickle Cell Society, Inc. for continuing to educate and advocate the community on the Sickle Cell Disease. Remembering education is the key to prevention.