



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NORTH BAY, ONTARIO
PROCLAMATION**

World Sickle Cell Day - June 19, 2026

WHEREAS: the World Health Organization (2006), the United Nations (2008) and the Government of Ontario (2021) have recognized Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) as a global and local public health priority and to raise awareness, designated the 19th day of June every year as World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD); and

WHEREAS: the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) recognizes SCD as an increasingly important medical issue in the province; and

WHEREAS: out of the estimated 6,500 Canadians affected by SCD, 3,500 live in Ontario; and

WHEREAS: over 65% of babies born with the disease nationally are born in the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS: over several municipalities across Ontario and Canadian and marks will be illuminated to celebrate World Sickle Cell Day and bring awareness to the disease; and

WHEREAS: through education and awareness programs, SCAGO is doing its part to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by the families with children, youth and adults living with Sickle Cell Disease.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Chirico, Mayor of North Bay, do hereby recognize June 19, 2026, as **WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY** in Ontario.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed

**Mayor Peter Chirico
Dated 19th day of June 2026**