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PROCLAMATION Sickle Cell Awareness Month September 2011

Whereas, sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes pain, infection, disability, economic distress and even death among many ethnic groups, and

Whereas, about one of every 294 African American North Carolinians is born with sickle cell disease and one out of every 10 has sickle cell trait, meaning that he or she carries the gene for this condition. No cure for this disease exists, though treatment is available to help those with sickle cell lead more productive and rewarding lives; and

Whereas, since 1973, the North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program has provided quality services throughout the State, which includes screening of all newborns at birth, general screening by request for the public, education, genetic counseling, medical expense reimbursement and social support for affected persons; and

Whereas, 2011 marks 101 years since the discovery and documentation of sickle cell disease by Dr. James B. Herrick, Professor of Medicine at Rush Medical College in Chicago in 1910; and

Whereas, support for research on the treatment and management of this disorder is vital to improving the health and quality of life of persons with sickle cell disease;

Now Therefore, I, Arthur B. Schools, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle do hereby proclaim the month of **September, 2011** as "**Sickle Cell Awareness Month**", in the Town of Emerald Isle and urge our citizens to recognize and support this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the Town of Emerald Isle to be affixed this 13th day of September, 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Art Schools'.

Arthur B. Schools, Jr., Mayor