



We Are Columbia

**MEETING DATE:** August 16, 2016  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** *Erika Moore, City Clerk*  
**SUBJECT:** James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation  
**PRESENTER:** Yvonne Donald M.A., CSCEC, Deputy Director  
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

[www.jamesrclarksicklecell.org](http://www.jamesrclarksicklecell.org) <<http://www.jamesrclarksicklecell.org/>>

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- national sickle cell awareness month (PDF)
- sickle cell disease awareness -proclamation(PDF)

**September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.  
Join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk Celebration!**

# Join the Race to Break the Sickle Cycle

**September 10, 2016**

**On-Site Registration: 7:30 am**

**Opening Ceremonies: 8:00 am**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

**1300 Pine Street**

**Columbia, SC 29204**

**2016 Walk Ambassador**

**Karen Alexander**

*The Auntie Karen Foundation*



**\$15 Registration Fee**



**ALL PROFITS GO TOWARD SICKLE CELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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City of Columbia  
A Proclamation

*WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders that causes red blood cells to elongate, and clog blood vessels, thereby affecting all body systems, and;*

*WHEREAS, the World Health Organization estimates that each year more than 250,000 babies worldwide are born with sickle cell disease, and;*

*WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is one of eleven severe chronic diseases affecting children in South Carolina, and;*

*WHEREAS, approximately 1 of every 400 African American newborns in South Carolina has sickle cells disease and 1 in 10 African Americans carries the sickle cell trait gene, and;*

*WHEREAS, though currently no universal cure for sickle cell disease exists, quality treatment and disease management can prevent needless deaths and suffering, and;*

*WHEREAS, provision of genetic testing and counseling services can serve to greatly impact the prevalence of sickle cell disease through family planning and other primary prevention services, and;*

*WHEREAS, the James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation's medical and psychosocial service network provides an effective approach to treatment management and prevention services which serve to alleviate suffering and enhance the lives of citizens with sickle cell disease and those who are at risk throughout the Midlands area of South Carolina.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2016 as*

***Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month***

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*Stephen K. Benjamin*  
Mayor

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*Sam Davis*  
District I, Council Member

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*Tameika Isaac Devine*  
At-Large, Council Member

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*Leona Plough*  
District IV, Council Member

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*Moe Baddourah*  
District III, Council Member

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District II, Council Member