

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 112

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 24, 2020

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Joint Resolution No. 112.

As amended, this joint resolution designates the month of September of each year as “Sickle Cell Awareness Month” to raise public awareness of the genetic risk factors associated with, and the symptoms and treatment of, sickle cell disease.

The joint resolution also respectfully requests the Governor to issue an annual proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of this State to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments make a technical change involving usage. The amendments provide that there are community-based organizations in this State that can raise more awareness about sickle cell disease if there is a designated "Sickle Cell Awareness Month."