

Date of Hearing: June 23, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ken Cooley, Chair

ACR 207 (Wilson) – As Introduced June 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Sickle Cell Awareness Day.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes June 19, 2022, as Sickle Cell Awareness Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sickle cell disease is a chronic condition that can affect any organ, including the kidneys, lungs, and spleen, and research indicates that patients experience many severe complications, including stroke, infections, and pulmonary embolism, and have a shorter life expectancy than the general population.
- 2) Vasoocclusive crises are a common painful complication of sickle cell disease in adolescents and adults that may occur several times per year, and these recurrent episodes induce severe pain, decrease quality of life, and can cause life-threatening complications.
- 3) Vasoocclusive crises typically last several days and are the leading cause of hospitalizations of patients with sickle cell disease.
- 4) Individuals living with sickle cell disease encounter barriers to obtaining quality care and improving their quality of life. These barriers include limitations in geographic access to comprehensive care, varied use of effective treatments, high reliance on emergency care and on public health programs, and the limited number of health care providers with knowledge and experience to manage and treat sickle cell disease.
- 5) Although there is no widely available cure for sickle cell disease, one-time gene therapies, including gene editing therapeutic approaches, are being developed and may offer potential cures for some patients.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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