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**WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY™ GALVANIZES GROWING MOVEMENT**

*Lymphedema and lymphatic disease advocates ban together for awareness and action*

**NEW YORK, NY – February 10, 2016** – Lymphedema and lymphatic disease advocates from around the world have come together to promote World Lymphedema Day™, March 6. Historically, Lymphedema Awareness Day has been recognized on this day in various communities in the United States. This date will now take on greater prominence as a global event to raise awareness, to take action, and to celebrate the solidarity of the lymphedema and lymphatic disease communities around the world.

“Great attention is paid to the battle against cancer. Yet, most people haven’t heard of lymphedema, which cancer frequently leaves in its wake,” said William Repicci, Executive Director of the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, which is spearheading efforts to promote World Lymphedema Day. “We hear little of the children born with lymphatic malformations or those who inherit lymphedema. There is silence on the issue of wounded war veterans, civilian casualties, and others who suffer from lymphedema due to physical trauma or as a result of surgery. Too many who suffer feel alone.”

It is this sense of isolation and feeling of invisibility that World Lymphedema Day seeks to change. A petition, which calls for World Lymphedema Day recognition from governments and governmental bodies, has been posted on [Change.org](http://Change.org). Within days, thousands of people from around the world had signed and the number of supporters grows daily.

Learn more about this movement at [WorldLymphedemaDay.org](http://WorldLymphedemaDay.org) and sign the petition to *Declare March 6th "World Lymphedema Day™"* at [Change.org](http://Change.org).

About LE&RN

Founded in 1998, the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (formerly LRF) is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization whose mission is to fight lymphatic disease and lymphedema through education, research and advocacy. LE&RN provides valuable educational resources for the millions of people who suffer from lymphedema and lymphatic disease. LE&RN fosters and supports research that can deepen the medical community's understanding of the lymphatic system. For more information about lymphatic disease or the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, visit [www.LymphaticNetwork.org](http://www.LymphaticNetwork.org).

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