US Senate to vote on World Lymphedema Day™ Resolution

Senator Chuck Schumer and Senator Chuck Grassley join in bi-partisan effort to raise awareness

NEW YORK, NY – March 1, 2016 – Last week, US Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and US Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) submitted a Resolution in the US Senate, urging it to recognize March 6, 2016, as the first annual World Lymphedema Day™.

It is time, says the Resolution, for the people of the United States to support “each courageous individual living and coping with lymphedema” and “each caregiver, whether a professional or not a professional, of each individual afflicted with lymphedema.”

“World Lymphedema Day grew out of an international ‘call to action,’” says William Repicci, Executive Director of the LE&RN. “The World Lymphedema Day petition at Change.org quickly garnered thousands of signatures and we were thrilled when the movement made it to the US Senate. We are extremely gratified and encouraged by this bi-partisan effort.”

The Resolution is scheduled to be voted on this week in the Senate. If the Resolution passes, the US Senate will officially recognize March 6 as World Lymphedema Day. LE&RN is urging its members and supporters to email and call their own Senators in their respective states to ensure that lymphedema gets the attention it deserves.

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.

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