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**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](http://www.LymphaticNetwork.org).

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