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Assembly or Senate Name

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In 2016, the US Senate established World Lymphedema Day on March 6. The event was celebrated worldwide and resolutions were passed in State Houses to recognize this day. I now ask that the [Your State] [Senate or Assembly] pass a resolution in [year, e.g. 2018] recognizing World Lymphedema Day.

Lymphedema (LE) is a disease that affects up to 10 million Americans and 170 million people worldwide. It can be hereditary or acquired as a result of cancer treatment or physical trauma. Up to 30% of women who survive breast cancer will get this debilitating disease that results in the accumulation of lymph fluid in the limbs when the lymphatic system is damaged. Similarly, survivors of prostate and ovarian cancers and melanoma are susceptible. Our veterans suffer from this as a result of battle injury or trauma from surgery. And our children are born with this disease. Currently, there is no cure. The effects are lifelong, drastically affect quality of life and can lead to shorten lifespan.

The Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) is an International Organization that fights lymphedema and lymphatic diseases through education, research and advocacy. They were responsible for the US Senate establishing World Lymphedema Day, with Sen. Charles Schumer (NY) and Sen. Charles Grassley (IA) the sponsors. We need to bring attention to lymphatic diseases and lymphedema in our state in hopes that new treatments will be discovered and so that we will one day have a cure. This all starts with public awareness.

I ask that you consider passing the resolution [“The [state] Chapter of LE&RN] is submitting to [the [state][Assembly or Senate] recognizing March 6th as World Lymphedema Day.

Sincerely,

[Name]

LE&RN Chapter Chair, [State]