



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, HANSEN and LASEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing March 6, 2017, as World Lymphedema Day.

2 Whereas, lymphedema is a chronic, debilitating disease that results in
3 disfiguring swelling due to the accumulation of fluid in the limbs when the lymphatic
4 system is damaged; and

5 Whereas, it is estimated that lymphedema affects up to 10 million Americans
6 and 170 million people worldwide; and

7 Whereas, because the disease is aligned with lymph node removal, the disease
8 may affect up to 30 percent of women who have survived breast cancer and may also
9 affect people who have survived prostate cancer, ovarian cancer and melanoma; and

10 Whereas, veterans may suffer the disease as a result of battle injury or trauma
11 from surgery; and

12 Whereas, lymphedema can be hereditary and affect children born with the
13 disease; and

14 Whereas, the United States Senate established World Lymphedema Day in
15 2016; and

1 Whereas, the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) is working
2 to bring attention to lymphatic diseases and lymphedema in the hopes that new
3 treatments will be discovered and a cure can someday be found; and

4 Whereas, the Wisconsin Chapter of LE&RN is working to bring awareness of
5 the disease to the people of our state; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* March 6, 2017, is
7 recognized as World Lymphedema Day in Wisconsin; and, be it further

8 *Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
9 resolution to the Wisconsin Chapter of LE&RN.

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