



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

