

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 14

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk