

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 23, 2017, A.D.

Hereby Certify that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 23rd day of February of 2017, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, In 2016, the New York State Legislature became the world's first governing body to mark March 6 as "World Lymphedema Day;" and

WHEREAS, Erie County hereby recognizes March 6th, 2017 as "World Lymphedema Day" to support the Legislature's efforts in raising awareness for this largely unknown disease, and acknowledge the actions taken to combat the disease; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema, the most common lymphatic disease, is a chronic swelling of body parts; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema, and other lymphatic diseases, affect an estimated 10 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) is an organization whose research work has been instrumental in the discoveries that have been made for lymphatic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the LE&RN's mission is to "fight lymphatic disease and lymphedema through education, research and advocacy;" and

WHEREAS, the LE&RN has been fostering and supporting research for lymphatic diseases, deepening the medical community's understanding of the lymphatic system, and working toward finding a cure since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Many cases of lymphatic diseases occur after cancer surgeries, are the result of a cancer treatment or other trauma, or can even be present at birth; and

WHEREAS, currently there are treatment methods available for lymphedema or other lymphatic diseases, that can alleviate the side effects of the disease, increasing the quality of the life for those affected; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this legislative body to continue to raise awareness for lymphatic diseases amongst our county's residents, and to create an atmosphere for hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to recognize March 6th as **World Lymphedema Day** and to acknowledge the efforts of the Lymphatic Education & Research Network in finding a cure.