



Proclamation

WHEREAS, lymphedema affects up to 10 million Americans, and according to the World Health Organization, a total of over 250 million in the world are affected; and

WHEREAS, lymphedema is a chronic disease that results in buildup of lymph fluid in the fatty tissues just under the skin, causing long-term swelling in one or more parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, primary lymphedema is hereditary and secondary lymphedema is caused by the removal of or damage to lymph nodes from radiation, surgical procedures, infection or physical trauma; and

WHEREAS, cancer treatment survivors, the elderly and those with excess weight or rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis are at a higher risk of acquiring lymphedema; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include swelling of arms, legs, fingers or toes; restricted range of motion; recurring infections; hardening and thickening of the skin; or new aching or discomfort in the limbs; and

WHEREAS, lymphedema has no cure but can be managed with early diagnosis and diligent care of affected limbs; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Chapter of the Lymphatic Education and Research Network seeks to raise awareness and to accelerate prevention, treatment and cure of lymphatic diseases;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2021 as

“WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the valuable work of the Lymphatic Education and Research Network for its efforts in education, research and advocacy of lymphedema in hopes that new treatments or a cure will be discovered.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of February 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i