



Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

PROCLAMATION

LYPHHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS** Lymphedema is an incurable condition affecting more than 250 million people worldwide (World Health Organization) with disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort and distress, and
- WHEREAS** It is estimated that 170,680 – 341,360 Canadians are living with Lymphedema (20 – 40% of the number of cancer survivors reported by the Canadian Cancer Society), and
- WHEREAS** Lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body and affects both men, women and children, and
- WHEREAS** Lymphedema has a severe financial, physical and psychological impact on patients, and
- WHEREAS** There is a desperate need to raise the level of knowledge about Lymphedema within the medical community so people no longer go undiagnosed, unmanaged and more effective treatment processes will be developed, and
- WHEREAS** The lack of focus on this condition has resulted in inadequate research, education, no drug or effective surgical treatment, a drastic shortage of trained medical professionals, and
- WHEREAS** The mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this distressing disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with Lymphedema through education, advocacy, and support for all people in British Columbia living with Lymphedema, their families and caregivers, and
- WHEREAS** A high level of public awareness seems to be the key to successful fund raising which is required to advocate for access to high quality health care, to provide services for the special needs of those living with Lymphedema, to fund research and education, and
- WHEREAS** Communities throughout Canada and the US are demonstrating their support for people living with Lymphedema by honouring them, their families and care givers who provide love and encouragement.

**NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK R. CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 6TH AS**

“LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY”

**IN THE CITY OF BURNABY AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO
PROMOTE AND INCREASE AWARENESS SO THAT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF
ALL THOSE LIVING WITH LYMPHEDEMA IS IMPROVED.**

Derek R. Corrigan
Mayor



Dated this 27th February 2017, A.D.