State of Maine

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, on March 6, the National Lymphedema Network and the lymphedema community nationwide celebrate Lymphedema Awareness "D" Day to honor inspirational lymphedema patients; and

WHEREAS, left untreated, lymphedema leads to chronic inflammation, infection and hardening of the skin that, in turn, results in further lymph vessel damage and distortion of the shape of affected body parts; and

WHEREAS, the most common form of lymphedema in the United States is Secondary Lymphedema, which occurs from damage to the lymphatic system, commonly from cancer and its treatment; and

WHEREAS, the risk of developing lymphedema does not diminish over time, but is a lifelong risk; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis is important since treatment is most effective when lymphedema is diagnosed at the earliest stage; and

WHEREAS, the National Lymphedema Network (NLN) is an internationally recognized non-profit organization founded to provide education and guidance to lymphedema patients, health care professionals and the general public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, do hereby recognize March 6, 2012 as

NATIONAL LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS "D" DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this Fifth
day of March Two-Thousand Twelve

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State
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