

Kathy Bates to lead LE&RN lymphedema and lymphatic disease Lobby Day on Capitol Hill

Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) advocates to push for research funding and insurance reform

NEW YORK, NY, USA, April 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Academy Award-winning Actress Kathy Bates will lead a group of activists to Capitol Hill on Friday, May 11, 2018, to ask Congress to ensure that \$70 million of the National Institutes of Health's increased budget will be allocated to lymphatic research. They will also advocate for the Department of Defense to include "lymphatic diseases" as a medical research area, and will urge the passage of the Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA), which would ensure Medicare coverage for medically necessary compression garments.

In an email to [Lymphatic Education & Research Network \(LE&RN\)](#) supporters asking them to head to the Capitol with her, Ms. Bates wrote, "This is our chance to meet with legislative leaders to request support for lymphedema and lymphatic disease research funding."



Kathy Bates and William Repicci to lead lymphatic disease activists in D.C.

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*William Repicci, LE&RN
President and CEO*

The Lobby Day coincides with LE&RN's first-ever [Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases](#) in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Ms. Bates will address participants at the Lincoln Memorial that morning at the start of the Walk.

“This is a very special LymphWalk in D.C. in May,” said William Repicci, LE&RN President and CEO. “LE&RN will be in D.C. to demand research dollars and insurance coverage, and we are fortunate that Kathy Bates will lead our efforts at the Capitol on Friday and at the Lincoln Memorial on Saturday. This year is LE&RN's 20th anniversary and our presence in D.C. shows how far the movement has come, thanks to the efforts of activists around the country and around the world.

We will settle for nothing less than a cure for these diseases which affect 10 million Americans and up to 170 million around the world.”

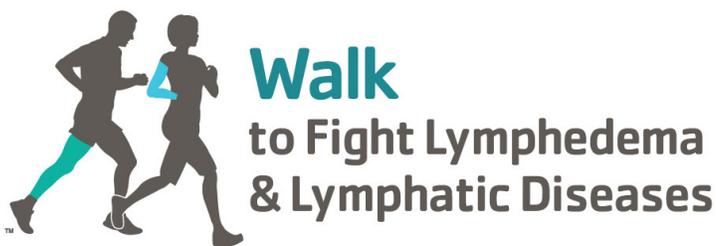
To sign up to run or walk in support of the 10 million Americans and 170 million worldwide who are battling this lymphedemic™, just register at www.LymphWalk.org. If you would like to attend the LE&RN Lobby Day, please email LE&RN at LERN@LymphaticNetwork.org.

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