

Kathy Bates to kick off LE&RN DC/VA #LymphWalk at Lincoln Memorial May 12

Inaugural Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases at nation's Capital gets star power

NEW YORK, NY, USA, April 18, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Kathy Bates, Academy Award-winning Actress, "American Horror Story" star, and "Big Bang Theory" guest star, is a longtime and outspoken advocate for the lymphedema and lymphatic disease communities, primarily through her role as Spokesperson for the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN). Ms. Bates will be lending her star power to the inaugural Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases in Washington, D.C. on May 12, addressing participants and supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

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lymphedema, was a constant battle for up to 10 million Americans and 170 million people worldwide," Ms. Bates said. "This isn't the first time I am traveling to Washington, D.C. to implore lawmakers to act but, this time, I will be joined by an army of activists for our Lobby Day on May 11. The next day, I look

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"All of us at LE&RN are delighted that these events – <u>our</u> <u>Lobby Day on May 11 and the Walk on May 12</u> – will be led by the passionate and inspiring Kathy Bates," said William Repicci, LE&RN President & CEO. "These events will draw a national spotlight on diseases that have been neglected for far too long. Everyone who cares about the future of LE (lymphedema) and LD (lymphatic disease) must participate in these events in some way, whether by supporting a team with

a donation, calling their Congressional representatives, or raising awareness on social media."

To sign up to walk in support of the 10 million Americans and 170 million worldwide who are battling this lymphedemic[™], just register at <u>www.LymphWalk.org</u>. If you would like to attend the LE&RN Lobby Day, email LE&RN at LERN@LymphaticNetwork.org. Social media activists should use

hashtags #DCLymphWalk and #DCLymphLobby. LE&RN thanks National Series Walk sponsors BSN medical (Premier National Sponsor), Tactile Medical (Presenting Sponsor), BioCompression Systems, Juzo, ImpediMed/L-Dex, Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Sigvaris, MediUSA, Herantis Pharma, L&R USA Inc., LympheDIVAS, and Lympha Press.



Walk to Fight Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases logo

About LE&RN

Founded in 1998, the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (formerly LRF) is a 501(c)(3) not-forprofit organization whose mission is to fight lymphatic disease and lymphedema through education, research and advocacy. LE&RN provides valuable educational resources for the millions of people who suffer from lymphedema and lymphatic disease. LE&RN fosters and supports research that can deepen the medical community's understanding of the lymphatic system. For more information about lymphatic diseases or the Lymphatic Education & Research Network, please visit www.LymphaticNetwork.org or call (516) 625-9675.

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