



## PROCLAMATION

### “Lymphedema Awareness Day”

March 6, 2017

- WHEREAS:** Lymphedema is an incurable condition affecting more than 250 million people worldwide with disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort and distress; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that 170,680 – 341,360 Canadians are living with Lymphedema; 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:** 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 quality health care, to provide services for the special needs of those living with lymphedema, as well as to fund research and education;
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2017 as “**Lymphedema Awareness Day**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017