



## **Sample Letter - Government Leaders**

Dear Government Leader,

The 15th annual World Lupus Day observance will occur on 10 May 2018. World Lupus Day will focus on the need for heightened awareness, improved patient healthcare services, increased research into the causes of and a cure for lupus, and enhanced physician diagnosis and treatment of lupus.

I write seeking our government's support for a proclamation recognizing this historic day and demonstrating our country's concern for the needs of the millions of individuals affected by lupus worldwide, and their caregivers.

There is no limit to the impact of lupus. Lupus is a global health problem that affects people of all nationalities, races, ethnicities, genders and ages. Lupus has a considerable impact on the health-care system and on society, due to the complexity of the disease and its treatment.

***[Insert a paragraph about the impact that lupus has in your country, including, if possible, the number of people affected, and the cost of providing medical care.]***

World Lupus Day is under the direction of the World Lupus Federation. Our organization is proud to be a partner in the effort to focus greater worldwide attention on this devastating disease. I have attached a copy of the World Lupus Day Proclamation. Efforts are underway to secure support for the Proclamation by governments around the globe. On behalf of people with lupus from our country, I seek our government's support.

I look forward to your favorable reply to this request. It would be an honor and privilege to be present and accept our government's proclamation during the World Lupus Day observance on 10 May 2018. Please contact me at:

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,