



## **Sample Letter - Government Leaders**

Dear Government Leader,

The 18th annual World Lupus Day observance will occur on 10 May 2021. World Lupus Day will focus on the need for increased awareness, improved patient healthcare services, more research into the causes of and new treatments for lupus, and enhanced physician diagnosis of lupus.

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

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 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.]***

The World Lupus Federation sanctions World Lupus Day. Our lupus organization is proud to be a partner with this effort to focus greater worldwide attention on lupus. 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 and recognition.

I look forward to your favorable reply to this request. It would be an honor and privilege to be present during an online presentation of our government's proclamation during the World Lupus Day observance on 10 May 2021. Please contact me at **[insert contact info]**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,