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National Mesothelioma Awareness Day -- September 26th

Join with us to help make your city government aware of Mesothelioma with its declaration in support of this special day.

You can facilitate this movement. Here's how:

- Get your city to recognize Mesothelioma Awareness Day. You will need to contact your local city council. The city council will inform you of exactly what needs to be done to get a proclamation declaring September 26th as Mesothelioma Awareness Day.
- Get California State to recognize Mesothelioma Awareness Day by contacting the State governor's office; and to get a permanent State Resolution contact your local State legislature representatives in the Senate and House Assembly. While following their instruction send each representative the resolution text below.
- To get support from the Federal House of Representatives and Senators in order to get national recognition, contact your representative offices directly and separately.
- Provide these organizations with your concern and story about Mesothelioma and encourage them by how their participation in recognizing Mesothelioma Day will help raise national community awareness.
- Provide the organizations and representatives with relevant information that is current about asbestos and mesothelioma cancer and how this affects your area. Use our Research Foundation's web site to glean this information and pass it on: www.mesorfa.org
- Help them in the preparation of their proclamation by sending them the resolution text provided below.

RESOLUTION for MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, mesothelioma cancer is an aggressive, asbestos related disease that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen, heart or testicles;

Whereas, the heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry and construction has been recognized as the worst occupational health disaster in U.S. history;

Whereas, asbestos was used in the construction of most office buildings, hospitals, public schools, power plants, automobile repair shops, refineries, and residential homes built before 1975;

Whereas, many mesothelioma cancer victims were exposed to asbestos on U.S. Navy ships and in shipyards;

Whereas, asbestos exposure is now believed to include many firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers including those from the 9/11/2001 Ground Zero terrorist attack;

Whereas, exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma fifteen (15) years later, or even longer;

Whereas, because of occupational, Navy service related, household, or incidental exposure to asbestos and the long latency of this cancer disease, tens of millions of Americans are now at risk for developing mesothelioma;

Whereas, for decades the need for research to develop effective treatments or cure for mesothelioma has been neglected or omitted;

Whereas, the outcome of neglecting research for a cure to mesothelioma limits today the benefit or effect of existing treatments and many patients with this disease die within twelve to fifteen months from diagnosis;

Whereas, in 2001, the Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America was formed to eradicate the life-ending and vicious effects of mesothelioma cancer with early progress in developing an effective treatment and potential cure which is found in Veglin (a non-chemotherapy drug solution) with research and clinical trials continuing to be made; and

Whereas, the establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day will help raise public awareness of the disease, how its latency can adversely affect the good health of many people, and for the immediate need to do research and discover an effective treatment or cure for this deadly cancer.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that September 26th be hereby declared Mesothelioma Awareness Day in [the name of your city or state].