

# Proclamations – Volunteers Needed



## State Proclamations Requests Volunteers Needed!

We need your help by ‘adopting’ a state and submitting a request for that state to issue a proclamation for Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day. Usually, it takes less than an hour of your time to submit these requests.

In order to help spread awareness in the United States, we have prepared a [State List](#) to help you in contacting a State and requesting a proclamation. Most states have an online process to streamline the request they receive. Please be sure to adhere to the timeline indicated on the list as states have different requirements to the time frame in which they will accept and process a proclamation request.

**Are you interested in “adopting” a State to request a Proclamation? If so, please complete the form below so we can update our list. (Only one proclamation per State is usually granted per Awareness Day per year.)**

Name\*

Email\*

Which US State are you interested in submitting a Proclamation

Request from?\*

Message

Submit


# Sample Proclamations Documents to customize:

- [Sample Proclamation](#) or see a few examples of some issued in 2017:



WASHINGTON, DC  
MURKIN, BOWEN, MARSH

# Proclamation



**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and deterioration, and


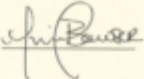
**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious debilitating condition that affects the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, and thighs, and

**WHEREAS**, Research about this genetic disease is ongoing and advances to finding treatment and cure remains critical, and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to be done about LGMD and work toward improving the quality of individuals who are affected by this disease, and

**WHEREAS**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in Washington, DC will participate in this observance

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017, in Washington, DC as "LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY".

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE  
**CITY OF ANDOVER**

**WHEREAS**, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that causes muscle weakness and wasting, most commonly affecting muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs, and


**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 15 subtypes currently identified and encompassing all ethnic groups affecting both males and females, and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected with individuals and families often experiencing problems such as: diagnostic delay, difficulty finding specialist support, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services, and

**WHEREAS**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made in understanding the genetic causes for the disease and there is still no known cure or treatment, and

**Now, Therefore**, be it resolved by Mayor Ben Lawrence, with the concurrence of the City Council of Andover, Andover, assembled in regular session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, as hereby provided:

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**  
**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**



*Virginia Estabrook*  
Virginia Estabrook  
City President

9/28/2017

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# California Senate Resolution

Senate Resolution No. 47  
San Francisco, California  
September 29, 2017

**Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day**

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**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected, and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 15 subtypes currently identified and encompassing all ethnic groups affecting both males and females, and

**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected, and

**WHEREAS**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made in understanding the genetic causes for the disease and there is still no known cure or treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to be done about LGMD and work toward improving the quality of individuals who are affected by this disease, and

**WHEREAS**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in California will participate in this observance

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, IN CALIFORNIA AS "LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY".

**RESOLVED**, That the Secretary of the State transmit copies of this resolution to the various State agencies.

Adopted in the Senate, July 13, 2017 and by the Assembly September 1, 2017.

*John A. Norquist*  
Governor





STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

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**WHEREAS**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected, and

**WHEREAS**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made in understanding the genetic causes for the disease and there is still no known cure or treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to be done about LGMD and work toward improving the quality of individuals who are affected by this disease, and

**WHEREAS**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in Wisconsin will participate in this observance

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, IN WISCONSIN AS "LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY".

Respectfully the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

By the Governor:  
*Scott Walker*  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
S. Mark Hackel, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
September 30, 2017

**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY**

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**WHEREAS**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made in understanding the genetic causes for the disease and there is still no known cure or treatment, and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to be done about LGMD and work toward improving the quality of individuals who are affected by this disease, and

**WHEREAS**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in Michigan will participate in this observance

NOW, THEREFORE, I, S. Mark Hackel, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017, in Michigan as "Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day".

*S. Mark Hackel*  
Governor



- [Sample Cover Letter](#) to the Governor. (A few states require citations of facts so if you need help, please

contact us at [lgmd.day@gmail.com](mailto:lgmd.day@gmail.com).)

### **Special Guidelines for State Legislatures**

If you know a member of the state legislature personally, approach that person regarding the passage of the proclamation. If you don't have this connection, phone the state legislator's office to determine the name of the staff person who handles proclamations or resolutions. When you talk with that person, make sure to stress your local connection.

Offer the sample state proclamation and sample [cover letter](#). Find out if and when the legislature will pass the proclamation, and let the staff person know you are willing to meet him/her or attend any related meeting in person or by your representative. Indicate your interest in gaining news coverage of the proclamation, and ask if there is a staff person who can assist you. If not, offer to take a photo to accompany the [news release](#) you will produce, then contact the local news media yourself.

### **Special Guidelines for Mayor's Offices and Town/City Councils**

Adapt the above guidelines to your local mayor and town/city council. Modify the sample [proclamation](#) or the sample [cover letter](#) to reflect your community.

## **AFTER A PROCLAMATION HAS BEEN ISSUED:**

1. Seek publicity after the governor or local official approves the proclamation. It is great to have a state/local community adopt the proclamation...it is even better to have the local newspaper report the action!
2. If possible, plan to attend or send a representative to the meeting when the proclamation is being adopted.

Frequently, the governor's office will present a quality copy to an appropriate recipient. Take photos. Also, modify and disseminate your Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day [press release](#) (contact [lgmd.day@gmail.com](mailto:lgmd.day@gmail.com) if you need help) to the appropriate news media in your state. Try to have a photo and news release in your endorsing organization's newsletter or other appropriate publications.

3. Be sure to send a follow-up thank you to the governor &/ local officials for the proclamation(s).
4. Keep good records of what works and what doesn't work this year, whom you contacted, and who made contacts in your state. (This will be beneficial for next year's event)
5. Please send a copy of the proclamation and any publicity to: Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day [lgmd.day@gmail.com](mailto:lgmd.day@gmail.com) or e-mail us for a mailing address

