



# WLD Pledge Form

Lupus is a global health problem. Based on limited existing data, researchers believe at least five million people worldwide have lupus and more than 100,000 new cases develop every year, though it is likely that these estimates are low.

To bring recognition to this global health problem, the first World Lupus Day will be observed on May 10, 2004, in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress on SLE and Related Conditions. World Lupus Day focuses on the need for improved patient healthcare service, increased research into the causes of and a cure for lupus, enhanced physician diagnosis and treatment of lupus, and better epidemiological data on lupus globally.

To Support World Lupus Day, We Pledge To:

*You may check more than one.*

- Use the World Lupus Day Logo in conjunction with our events and on our materials;
- Share World Lupus Day Press Kit materials to local media and seek media support in promoting World Lupus Day;
- Approach local and/or state government officials to obtain their signed endorsement of the World Lupus Day Proclamation
- Provide an overview of World Lupus Day objectives to stakeholders with the goal of seeking their participation in local lupus organization events and their signature as a supporter for the World Lupus Day Proclamation
- Host an event in honor of World Lupus Day (complete the attached information sheet)

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(Organization President)

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(Organization's Name)

After completing pledge, please return to:

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*The types of activities your organization pledge to support will be entered on to a World Lupus Day website. The World Lupus Day website will include a directory of international lupus groups and links to their websites, information on the impact of lupus in each country, and updates on World Lupus Day activities around the globe.*