SAMPLE LETTER TO ELECTED OFFICIAL

Dear Mayor/Governor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

On May 8, 2017, we invite you to join patients, caregivers and medical professionals round the world in recognizing Ependymoma Awareness Day.

Ependymoma is form of brain and spine cancer. Ependymoma Awareness Day is designed to increase public awareness of this rare tumor and the need for clinical studies to improve early diagnosis, standardize treatment and improve the health status of those living with this disease.

Ependymoma Awareness Day offers a rare opportunity to focus attention on this tumor which affects the brain and spine of all age groups-from infants to older adults. Ependymoma Awareness Day will culminate with a butterfly release that will be streamed on the internet to that supporters around the world can share in this event. The delicate and beautiful butterfly was chosen to represent ependymoma as it symbolizes rebirth and hope.

In recognition of the adults and children who have the diagnosis of ependymoma, we ask that the city/state of \_\_\_\_\_\_ issue a proclamation for Ependymoma Awareness Day, on May 8, 2017.

Background material about Ependymoma Awareness Day, as well as sample language that might be helpful in drafting a proclamation, is attached. We look forward to working with your office on this important endeavour and in representing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this major international campaign.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature and title]