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SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear [NAME OF EDITOR]:

National Cancer Survivors Day® is Sunday, June 4, 2023. On this day, [CITY/ TOWN] will recognize those in our community who are living with and beyond cancer and raise awareness of the challenges of cancer survivorship. We will join hundreds of communities worldwide in celebrating life as part of the 36th annual National Cancer Survivors Day®.

National Cancer Survivors Day® celebrations will be held throughout the United States, Canada, and other participating countries, including the [EVENT] organized by [ORGANIZATION] here in [CITY/TOWN]. We want to invite everyone to our community's celebration.

"A *survivor* is anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life," according to the National Cancer Survivors Day® Foundation. In the United States alone, there are more than 18 million people living with a history of cancer.

By 2030, the number of cancer survivors in the U.S. is projected to increase to 22.2 million. As the number of survivors continues to grow, it is becoming ever more important to address the unique needs of this population. In addition to facing a serious illness, cancer survivors must contend with rising drug costs; inadequate insurance coverage; difficulty finding or keeping jobs; and ongoing physical, emotional, and financial struggles that can persist even after treatment ends. However, despite these difficulties, cancer survivors can live full, rich lives.

National Cancer Survivors Day® is a time to bring attention to the ongoing difficulties faced by cancer survivors today. To improve cancer survivors' quality of life and lessen the financial burden of cancer, more resources, research, and survivor-focused legislation are needed. The National Cancer Survivors® Day Foundation, along with NCSO 2023 national supporters 2seventy bio, Alere, Inc., Astex Pharmaceuticals, Aveo Oncology, Convatec, *Coping® with Cancer* magazine, Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, Elekta, Exelixis, Gamida Cell, GE Healthcare, Guardant Health, Hologic, Incyte, Ipsen, Janssen Biotech, Novocure, Servier, and Springworks Therapeutics, is encouraging a greater commitment to addressing the challenges of cancer survivorship.

As the organizers of this local NCSO event, we encourage everyone to attend the celebration to show their support for our community's cancer survivors, their families, friends, and healthcare providers. For more information, call [LOCAL NUMBER], or visit [WEBSITE].

Sincerely,

[NAME]

Chairperson, [CITY, STATE], National Cancer Survivors Day®

[ORGANIZATION NAME]

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

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