

**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION REQUEST FOR LIMB LOSS  
AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Whereas**, there are more than 5.6 million individuals living with limb loss and limb difference in the United States;

**Whereas**, more than 2.2 million individuals live with a form of limb loss, and more than 3.4 million were born with a form of limb difference;

**Whereas**, each year, over 500,000 individuals in the United States experienced limb loss or are born with limb difference;

**Whereas**, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation with approximately 90% of cases being contributed to them;

**Whereas**, studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management, properly treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations;

**Whereas**, access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss or limb difference is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, remain physically active, live independently, and live well;

**Whereas**, the Amputee Coalition provides education, support and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons who have limb loss and limb difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States; and

**Whereas**, April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.

**Now, therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Governor of the state of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby  
proclaim April:**

**NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

In the state of \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage all of its citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this month by celebrating people living with limb loss and limb difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss or limb difference, expressing gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.

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