



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and

WHEREAS, over 500 people lose a limb each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and

WHEREAS, studies show 75 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss; and

WHEREAS, the number of amputations per day will double by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, April will be an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, as Governor of the state of Tennessee do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 20th day of March, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State