



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day;

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

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss followed closely by trauma;

WHEREAS, studies show up to 60 percent of limb loss is preventable;

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;

WHEREAS, appropriate access to care for people affected by limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well with limb loss;

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, support and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource 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 National Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April, 2017 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 twentieth day of March, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Lee Hargett

Secretary of State