



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

**WHEREAS**, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

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

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

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

**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; and

**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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 2019 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 thirteenth day of February, 2019.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*John Hargett*

Secretary of State

