



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, approximately 2.1 million Americans live with limb loss and limb difference; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in every 1,900 babies is born each year in the United States with a congenital limb reduction defect, and an estimated 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every year; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation; and

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

WHEREAS, the number of Americans living with limb loss/difference is estimated to rise to over 3.6 million by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

*Limb Loss & Limb Difference
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 eighth day of April, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State