



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5.6 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference; and

WHEREAS, 500,000 new cases of limb loss and limb difference occur annually; and

WHEREAS, approximately 35,000 children are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference and 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the most common diagnoses preceding an 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, access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss and limb difference is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential and live healthy, independent lives with the ability to engage in activities of daily living, essential job-related functions, personal hygiene, and physical activity to maximize whole body and mental wellbeing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 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 sixteenth day of March 2026.



Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State