



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, more than 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, studies show 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

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

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a National 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 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 the month of April 2013 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 February, 2013.



Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State