



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and

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

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 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, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation with approximately 99 of cases being contributed to them; 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 will 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; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, 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 throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

National Limb Loss Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 28th day of March 2019.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor