



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, there are approximately 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss and limb 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 percent 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*

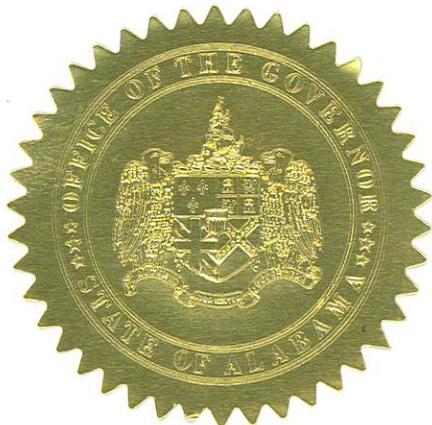
*WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, support and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss and limb difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States; and*

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

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2020, as*

# *National Limb Loss and Limb Difference 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*