



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 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 and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss followed closely by trauma; and

WHEREAS, studies show up to 60 percent of limb loss could be preventable; and

WHEREAS, the number of amputations per day will double 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, outreach, 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 April 2018, as

National Limb Loss Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this month by celebrating people living with limb loss and limb difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss, express gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and salute our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.



*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 26th day of March 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor