



2025 GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION REQUEST FOR LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Every state's process is different, but the information needed is the same. Please use the following information when completing your request:

- **Organization Name:** Amputee Coalition
- **Title:** Advocate
- **Title of Proclamation:** April is Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month
- **Date of Proclamation:** April 2025
- **Notification Preference:** Mail or Email

Some states may require additional information about the organization or the purpose of the proclamation. Please use the following when completing those sections:

Organization Description: The Amputee Coalition is the United States' leading organization dedicated to supporting the over 5.6 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference. Since 1986, the Coalition has been at the forefront of providing essential resources, outreach, and community connections that empower individuals and their families and caregivers. Through the National Limb Loss Resource Center, the Coalition enhances the quality of life for those who have limb loss and limb difference. The organization also fosters community and awareness through events, camps, and initiatives, including the annual recognition of April as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month.

Awareness Month Description: The Amputee Coalition designates April as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month to honor the resilience of individuals with limb loss and limb difference, foster community connections, and raise awareness for the over 5.6 million Americans affected. During this month-long recognition, several meaningful activities take place as they bring people together, create a supportive community, and help educate the broader public about the limb loss and limb difference community. Some of the activities that everyone is invited to participate in are wearing orange on Wednesdays, creating mixed-medium art for a challenge, and showing mettle on the last Saturday for visibility of prosthetic and orthotic devices, wheelchairs, crutches, and canes.

Purpose: Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month serves as a platform for people to unite, support each other, educate the public, and bring attention to important issues related to limb loss and limb difference. Limb loss can happen due to a variety of health



issues including vascular diseases such as diabetes and peripheral artery disease, along with trauma, cancer, infections, and congenital limb differences are some of the various causes of limb loss and limb difference.

Whereas Statements:

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

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

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;

Whereas, diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the most common diagnoses preceding an amputation;

Whereas, studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management, properly treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations;

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.

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, _____, as Governor of the state of _____ do hereby
proclaim April:**



NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH and encourage all of its 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, expressing gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.

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