



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** There are approximately 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss or difference. 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 attributed to them. 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 or difference will rise to over 3.6 million by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives are put in place; and
- WHEREAS:** Access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss is vital to enabling 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 or difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States. April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming
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