

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, there are more than 5 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference with an average of 500,000 new cases of limb loss and limb difference occurring annually; and

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; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, vascular disease and infection are the most common diagnoses preceding an amputation; 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, 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 well-being; 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2025, LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE