

WHEREAS; according to the Amputee Coalition, there are approximately 2.1 million people living with limb loss and limb difference in the United States, and research suggests that this number is projected to reach 3.6 million by 2050 unless prevention and education initiatives are prioritized; and

WHEREAS; additionally, the Amputee Coalition estimates that roughly 185,000 amputations are performed each year nationally, including thousands in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; peripheral vascular disease, diabetes, and trauma are considered the leading causes of amputation, and behaviors such as diabetes management, properly treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputation; and

WHEREAS; access to prosthetic care for people living with limb loss enables individuals to reach their healing and strength goals, live independently, and live well; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the limb loss community in celebrating all those living with limb loss and limb difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss and limb difference, expressing gratitude to family and caregivers, and saluting service members and veterans who have lost limbs in service to the United States or in retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 22nd day of March 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State