

WHEREAS; according to a study published by the National Institutes of Health, millions of individuals are living with limb loss or limb difference in the United States, and the number of people living with limb loss is projected to double by 2050; and

WHEREAS; additionally, the Amputee Coalition estimates that 500,000 Americans experience limb loss or are born with a limb difference each year, including many in Wisconsin; and

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

WHEREAS; although limb loss and amputations can often be due to external factors, many individuals are born with limb difference, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimating that about one in every 1,852 babies born each year in the United States has a limb reduction defect at birth; and

WHEREAS; access to quality prosthetic care for people with limb loss and limb difference enables individuals to reach their healing and strength goals, live independently, and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the limb loss and limb difference 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2026 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 25th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State