

WHEREAS; there are approximately two million people living with limb loss and limb difference in the United States, and this number is projected to rise to over 3.6 million by 2050 unless prevention and education initiatives are prioritized; and

WHEREAS; according to the Amputee Coalition, more than 2,000 amputations are performed in Wisconsin each year; and

WHEREAS; diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation, with approximately 99 percent of all cases being attributed to one of these causes; 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; 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, expressing gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting our servicemembers and veterans who have lost limbs in service to our country or in retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

LIMB LOSS 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 24th day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State