

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 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 difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss and difference, 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 2022 as

## LIMB LOSS AND 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 2022.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State