



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the Amputee Coalition, there are approximately 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss/difference, and more than 500 people lose a limb every day; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year, approximately 2,250 babies in the United States are born with limb reduction defects; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management, proper wound treatment, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations; and

WHEREAS, a recent study predicts that the number of Americans living with limb loss/difference will rise to more than 3.6 million by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and

WHEREAS, access to appropriate prosthetic care is vital to enable people living with limb loss to reach their full potential, live independently, and have the best quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, support, and advocacy through its National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of individuals with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to support and advocate for those living with limb loss and their families in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as “**LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.