

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

2024

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 28 million living at risk of amputation surgery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year, approximately 2,250 babies in the United States are born with congenital limb difference and 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; and

**WHEREAS**, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation, with approximately 99 percent of cases being contributed to them; 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

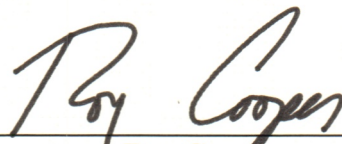
**WHEREAS**, access to appropriate prosthetic care is vital to enable people living with limb loss to reach their full potential, live independently, and have the best quality of life; and

**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, 2024, as “**NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.