

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** there are approximately 2.1 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference; and
- Whereas,** over 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and
- Whereas,** approximately 1,000 children are born each year in the United States with congenital limb differences 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% of cases being contributed to them; and
- Whereas,** studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management, properly treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations; and
- Whereas,** the number of Americans living with limb loss/difference will rise to over 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 for people living with limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well; and
- Whereas,** the Amputee Coalition provides education, support, and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss and limb difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States; and
- Whereas,** April is an appropriate month to designate as *Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month* as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.

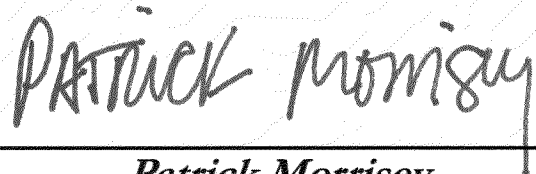
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 2025* as:

Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State