

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** there are approximately 5.6 million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference; and
- Whereas,** 500,000 new cases of limb loss and limb difference occur annually; and
- Whereas,** approximately 35,000 children are born each year in the United States with a congenital limb difference, and 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; and
- Whereas,** diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the most common diagnoses preceding an amputation; 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,** access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss and limb difference is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential and live healthy, independent lives with the ability to engage in activities of daily living, essential job-related functions, personal hygiene, and physical activity to maximize whole body and mental wellbeing; 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 2026* as:

Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month

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

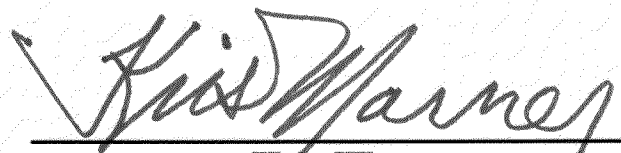
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State