

Limb Loss Awareness Month Proclamations:

The Amputee Coalition has submitted proclamation requests to all 50 states, and we have asked the President to recognize Limb Loss Awareness Month again this year. **In the past 10 years we've gotten 4 states to sign gubernatorial proclamations, but we want to get all 50!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Work with your support group to send letters, emails, or calls, to your state Governor's office using the sample language below. Ask your support group members, family, and friends to contact the Governor and ask them to support Limb Loss Awareness Month by signing the Gubernatorial Proclamation. All you have to do is click on the links below, or search "Contact My Governor" online and fill out their online forms or give them a call!

Click your state below to go to your state Governor's contact form:

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Sample proclamation language is also provided below for your reference.

Sample Letter/Email to Governor:

Dear Governor [NAME] ,

My name is [NAME] , and I am writing to ask you to proclaim April as Limb Loss Awareness Month in [STATE] .

The Amputee Coalition has submitted a proclamation request to declare April as Limb Loss Awareness Month in 2014 to all 50 states. Between 2011 and 2013, 45 state governors have signed similar proclamations supporting the limb loss community, and I encourage you to sign this important proclamation.

The Limb Loss Awareness Month proclamation would recognize the limb loss community, the impact that limb loss has on the lives of family, friends, and caregivers, and would provide an opportunity for amputees to come together, support one another, educate the broader community about limb loss prevention, and raise awareness about issues affecting amputees.

The limb loss community is a broad community, including children, young adults, combat veterans, career professionals, older veterans, and many other Americans affected by limb loss. Limb Loss Awareness Month brings together the more than 2 million Americans living with limb loss.

I encourage you to sign this proclamation in the great state of [STATE] . Your support would be greatly appreciated, and signing the proclamation would reaffirm your support for the limb loss community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[PHONE]

Sample Proclamation Language:

**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION REQUEST FOR
NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**

Whereas, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference;

Whereas, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day;

Whereas, 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference;

Whereas, studies show 60 percent of limb loss is preventable;

Whereas, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss;

Whereas, the number of amputations per day will double by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place;

Whereas, the Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a National Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and

Whereas, April will be an appropriate month to designate as National Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.

**Now, therefore, I, _____, as Governor of the
state of _____ do hereby proclaim**

APRIL NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

In the state of _____ and encourage all of its citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this month and celebrating people with limb loss and limb difference living full and productive lives, expressing gratitude to caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting combat amputees who have lost their limbs in service to this country.

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