

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

WHEREAS, more than 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

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

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss, followed closely by trauma; and

WHEREAS, studies show up to 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

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

WHEREAS, appropriate access to care for people affected by limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well with limb loss; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, support and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs