

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

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 difference and approximately 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

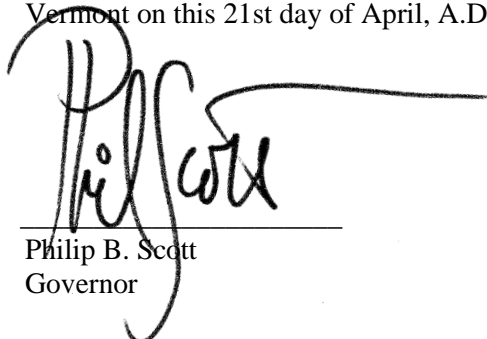
WHEREAS, April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2022 as

LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE
AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of April, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs