



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2019**

WHEREAS, there are approximately two million Americans living with limb loss and limb difference, and over 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

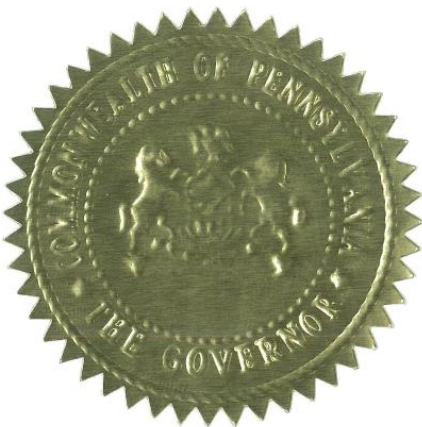
WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss followed closely by trauma, but studies show that up to 60 percent of limb loss could be preventable; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 children are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference, and 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; 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, outreach, support, and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss or limb difference, their family, and health care providers throughout the United States.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all citizens to help raise awareness and advocate on behalf of all those living with limb loss or limb difference, express gratitude to family and caregivers who are the source of support and motivation, and salute our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this seventh day of March two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor