



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- 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; 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:** 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, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as LIMB LOSS AND DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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