

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April as Limb Loss Awareness Month.

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

4 WHEREAS, over 500 Americans lose a limb each day; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb  
9 loss; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach,  
13 advocacy, and a National Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with  
14 limb loss/difference, their families, and healthcare providers; and

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
19 *Kentucky:*

20 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby encourages all Kentucky's citizens to join in  
21 recognizing the importance of Limb Loss Awareness Month and celebrating people with  
22 limb loss and limb difference living full and productive lives, expressing gratitude to  
23 caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting combat amputees  
24 who have lost their limbs in service to this country.

25 ➔Section 2. April is hereby recognized as Limb Loss Awareness Month.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
27 Resolution to Senator Joe Bowen.