

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, approximately 2 million Americans are currently living with limb loss/difference, and an estimated 500 people across the United States lose a limb each day; and

WHEREAS, congenital limb difference, the complete or partial absence of a limb at the time of birth, affects around 1,000 babies in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, studies show that up to 75 percent of limb loss is preventable, with diabetes and peripheral vascular disease, along with trauma, among the leading causes; and

WHEREAS, Limb Loss Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate our citizens about the causes and prevention of limb loss while calling attention to the unique challenges and issues faced by the limb loss community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in celebrating our citizens with limb loss and limb difference who are living full and productive lives, expressing gratitude to caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting combat amputees who have lost their limbs in service to this country.



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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA