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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are approximately 2.1 million Americans
3 living with limb loss and limb difference; and

4 WHEREAS, Over 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,000 children are born each year
6 in the United States with congenital limb difference, and
7 approximately 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower
8 accident every summer; and

9 WHEREAS, Emotional, physical, and financial stress often
10 plague those who have lost a limb; and

11 WHEREAS, Limb loss is a lifetime condition, and the
12 general public is largely unaware of the many challenges faced
13 by the amputee community; and

14 WHEREAS, The physical effects may be the most visible, but
15 many times, the emotional difficulties surpass the physical
16 impediments created by losing a limb; and

17 WHEREAS, Integrated data from the Department of Veterans
18 Affairs and the Department of Defense shows that traumatic
19 amputations account for less than half of one percent of the

1 veteran population; however, research reveals that after
2 leaving military service, over 80 percent of amputees also
3 have diagnoses in mental disorders, diseases of the nervous
4 system and sense organs, and diseases of the musculoskeletal
5 system and connective tissue in addition to their injury; and

6 WHEREAS, Diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma
7 are cited as the leading causes of amputation; and

8 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that behaviors such as
9 diabetes management, properly treating wounds, and observing
10 safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The number of Americans living with limb
13 loss/difference will rise to over 3.6 million by 2050 unless a
14 major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention
15 initiatives are put in place; and

16 WHEREAS, Access to appropriate prosthetic care for people
17 living with limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach
18 their full potential, live independently, and live well; and

19 WHEREAS, April is an appropriate month to designate as
20 Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month as spring is a
21 time of renewal and inspiration; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April of
3 2023 as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month in the
4 State of Illinois.