



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are approximately two million Americans living with limb loss or difference; and
- WHEREAS: Over 500 people lose a limb each day in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: One thousand babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and
- WHEREAS: Studies show 75 percent of limb loss is preventable; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss; and
- WHEREAS: The number of amputations per day will double by the year 2050 unless preventative initiatives are enacted; and
- WHEREAS: The Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy and a National Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss or difference, their families, and health care providers; and
- WHEREAS: As a time of renewal and inspiration, spring is an appropriate time to become aware of limb loss and its preventative measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2012 as:

## LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE