

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb Difference
2 Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, more than 5.6 million individuals are living with limb loss and limb
4 difference in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million individuals live with a form of limb loss, and
6 more than 3.4 million were born with a form of limb difference; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, over 500,000 individuals in the United States experience
8 limb loss or are born with limb difference; and

9 WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the
10 leading causes of amputation with approximately 99% of cases being attributed to them;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management,
13 properly treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing
14 amputations; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The Amputee Coalition provides education, support, and advocacy
18 through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss
19 and limb difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United
20 States; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes April 2025 as Limb Loss
27 and Limb Difference Awareness Month.

1 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives encourages all citizens to join in
2 recognizing the importance of this month by celebrating people living with limb loss and
3 limb difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss or limb difference,
4 expressing gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation,
5 and saluting our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in
6 retirement.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Rachel Roarx.