

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Senators Hertel, McCann, Wojno, Daley, McMorrow, Moss and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb
2 Difference Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, There are over 5.6 million Americans living with limb
4 loss and limb difference with 500,000 new cases occurring each
5 year; and

6 Whereas, In the United States (U.S.), approximately 35,000
7 children are born each year with congenital limb difference and 600
8 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; and

9 Whereas, Diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the
10 most common diagnoses preceding an amputation; and

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

1 Whereas, Access to appropriate prosthetic care for people
2 living with limb loss and limb difference is vital to enable
3 individuals to reach their full potential and live healthy,
4 independent lives with the ability to engage in activities of daily
5 living, essential job-related functions, personal hygiene, and
6 physical activity to maximize whole body and mental wellbeing; and

7 Whereas, The Amputee Coalition provides education, support,
8 and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the
9 benefit of persons with limb loss and limb difference, their
10 families, and health care providers throughout the U.S.; and

11 Whereas, April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb
12 Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month as spring is a time of
13 renewal and inspiration; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
15 body designate April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb Difference
16 Awareness Month.