## MICHIGAN SENATE

## Senate Resolution No. 31

Offered by Senators Hertel, McCann, Wojno, Daley, McMorrow, Moss and Santana

## A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2025 AS LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

WHEREAS, Diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the most common diagnoses preceding an amputation; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Senate, April 22, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate