

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 73

Reps. Meerman, Kelly, Tate, Witwer, Breen, Conlin, MacDonell
and Rogers offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb
2 Difference Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, There are approximately 5.6 million Americans living
4 with limb loss and limb difference; and

5 Whereas, 500,000 new cases of limb loss and limb difference
6 occur annually; and

7 Whereas, Approximately 1 in every 2,100 children are born each
8 year in the United States with congenital limb difference and six
9 hundred children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer;
10 and

11 Whereas, Diabetes, vascular disease, and infection are the
12 most common diagnoses preceding an amputation; 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 United States;
11 and

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

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare April 2025 as Limb Loss and Limb
17 Difference Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage
18 all citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this month by
19 celebrating people living with limb loss and limb difference,
20 learning about issues affecting people with limb loss, expressing
21 gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and
22 motivation, and saluting our veterans who have lost their limbs in
23 service to the is country or in retirement.