

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Senators Hertel, McCann and Wojno 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.