

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
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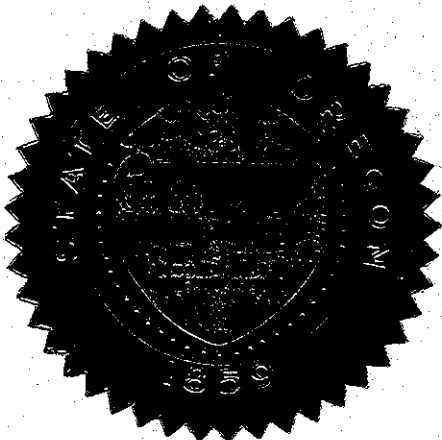
- WHEREAS:** There are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 500 people lose a limb each day in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and
- WHEREAS:** Studies show 75 percent of limb loss is preventable; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of amputations per day will double by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and
- WHEREAS:** The Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a National Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and
- WHEREAS:** April will be an appropriate month to designate as National Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2011** to be

NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day February 18, 2011.



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State