



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**  
APRIL 2017

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and

**WHEREAS**, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss followed closely by trauma; and

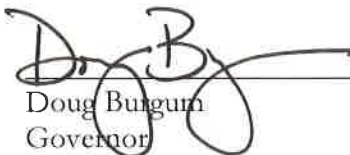
**WHEREAS**, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day, and studies show that up to 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the number of amputations per day will double by 2050, unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives are put in place; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate access to care for people affected by limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well with limb loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, support, and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2017 **LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State