

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000,000 Americans live with limb loss; and

WHEREAS, it is estimates that 1 out of every 200 people in the United States has had an amputation; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,000 babies born every year with congenital limb loss; and

WHEREAS, unless drastic preventative measures are undertaken to reduce the incidents of diabetic and vascular disease, these numbers will increase; and

WHEREAS, preventative care is vital in the fight against diabetes and peripheral vascular disease; it is imperative that weight management is a part of all care plans, and that safety information to prevent traumatic limb loss is readily available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

LIMB LOSS MONTH

in Vermont and recognize all Vermonters living with limb loss, and express gratitude to their families and friends who are source of love and encouragement.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs