



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Protecting the health and well-being of our fellow citizens is a primary concern, including to the more than two million Americans who have experienced the trauma of losing a limb. Veterans, children, and patients with cancer, diabetes, and other diseases are among those who have lost a limb, and a significant number of limb loss cases may be preventable. Increased safety measures in workplaces, preventative healthcare, routine medical examinations, and improved education all play a role in protecting our bodies from limb loss.

As we continue into the Texas of Tomorrow, becoming knowledgeable about the issues affecting those who have experienced limb loss leads to a better quality of life and greater independence for patients and their loved ones. The bravery and strength that is showcased by those experiencing limb loss, and the unwavering support of their loved ones, builds a foundation of hope and action as we work together to improve outcomes for our fellow Texans.

In Texas, we know that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we overcome them. Highlighting the courage and experiences of those who have experienced limb loss or limb difference grants those who have been affected the visibility they deserve. Each year, the month of April is set aside to raise awareness about limb loss and to honor the people living with limb loss and limb difference, and the caregivers and medical providers involved in their care.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to educate themselves about limb loss, to advocate for vital research, and to support those who have lost limbs.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2026 to be

## Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 13th day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

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Governor of Texas