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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Limb Loss Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 2 million Americans of all ages, races  
4 and genders have had amputations, and another 28 million  
5 Americans are at risk for amputation; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day, more than 500 Americans lose a limb; and

7 WHEREAS, Limb loss is a lifetime condition, and the general  
8 public is largely unaware of the many challenges faced by the  
9 amputee community; and

10 WHEREAS, Limb loss can result in emotional, physical and  
11 financial stress; and

12 WHEREAS, The leading causes of amputation are vascular  
13 disease, trauma and cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, Prosthetic devices can be quite costly and often  
15 need to be replaced every few years; and

1       WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with limb loss must overcome  
2 many challenges; and

3       WHEREAS, The physical effects of limb loss may be the most  
4 visible, but many times the emotional difficulties surpass the  
5 physical impediments; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
7 month of April 2017 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in  
8 Pennsylvania; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
10 Pennsylvanians to recognize the importance of this month,  
11 celebrate individuals with limb loss who are living full and  
12 productive lives, express gratitude to caregivers who are a  
13 source of support and motivation and salute combat amputees who  
14 have lost their limbs in service to this country.