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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2024, TO BE “LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE
AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Handy, Place,
Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: May 22, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, There are more than 5.6 million individuals living with limb loss and limb
2 difference in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 2.2 million individuals live with a form of limb loss, and more
4 than 3.4 million were born with a form of limb difference; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, over 500,000 individuals in the United States experienced limb
6 loss or are born with limb difference; and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading
8 causes of amputation with approximately 90 percent of cases being contributed to them; and

9 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that behaviors such as diabetes management, properly
10 treating wounds, and observing safety practices can be effective in preventing amputations; and

11 WHEREAS, Access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss or
12 limb difference is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, remain physically active,
13 live independently, and live well; and

14 WHEREAS, The Amputee Coalition provides education, support and advocacy through
15 the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons who have limb loss and limb
16 difference, their families and health care providers throughout the United States; now, therefore
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 proclaims May of 2024, to be “Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month” in the State

1 of Rhode Island; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House hereby encourages all Rhode Islanders to join in
3 recognizing the importance of this month by celebrating people living with limb loss and limb
4 difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss or limb difference, expressing
5 gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and by saluting
6 our veterans who have lost their limbs in the service to our Nation or in retirement; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the National Limb Loss Resource Center and
10 The Amputee Coalition.

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