

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day, and approximately 1600 have lost a limb in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss followed closely by trauma with studies showing up to 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

WHEREAS, the number of amputations per day will double by 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives 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 and support through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss, their families, and health care providers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David Dennis, Chairman of the Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April, 2018 as

NATIONAL LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing the importance of this month and celebrate people affected by Limb Loss Difference living full and productive lives, learn about issues affecting people with limb loss, express gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and salute combat and veteran amputees who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement.

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