

To the City of Flagstaff Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living (CIAL) has been established with the duty to advise the City Council on issues affecting individuals with disabilities in our community. With our duty in mind, we are submitting this letter to you to provide a voice for those members of our community whom we represent.

At this time, we are asking that the City of Flagstaff recognize April of 2024 as "Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month."

Whereas there are well over 2 million Americans living with limb loss or limb difference; and whereas over 1000 infants are born in America each year with congenital limb difference; and whereas over 500 Americans lose a limb or develop a limb difference daily; and whereas more than half of all limb loss is preventable with diabetes and vascular disease being the leading causes; and whereas the number of amputations will double by 2050 without continued major public awareness campaigns; and whereas April is the first month of spring, and as such is a time of renewal and celebration of the full and productive lives that can be lived by those experiencing limb loss or limb difference; and whereas we would like to express gratitude to caregivers who are a source of support and motivation; and whereas we would like to salute our combat veterans who experienced limb loss or difference in service to their country; we ask that in collaboration with cities across the United States, the City of Flagstaff recognize April of 2024 as "Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month."

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Members of the Commission on Inclusion and Adaptive Living