

Whereas, quality health care is vital for individuals involved in physical activity and Whereas, certified athletic trainers (ATCs) have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity based on specific tasks, knowledge and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational processes; and, Whereas, certified athletic trainers provide:

- Prevention of injuries
- Recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment
- Rehabilitation
- Health care administration
- Education and guidance; and

Whereas, athletic training was recognized by the American Medical Association in 1990 as an allied health care profession; and Whereas, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the more than 30,000 members of the athletic training profession employed in the following settings:

- Professional sports
- Colleges and universities
- High schools
- Clinics and hospitals
- Corporate and industrial settings
- Military branches; and

Whereas, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness of the importance of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity within the aforementioned settings and;

Whereas, such an effort will improve health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity and promote ATCs as allied health professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald Carcieri, the Governor of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim the month of March as National Athletic Training Month in Rhode Island. I urge all people of Rhode Island to learn more about the importance of athletic training.

Signed: _____

Donald Carcieri, Governor