Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, athletic trainers 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, athletic trainers provide: prevention of injuries; recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment; rehabilitation; health care administration; education and guidance; compassionate care for all; and

Whereas, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports 44,000 members of the athletic training profession employed in many settings including: professional sports; colleges and universities; high schools; clinics and hospitals; corporate and industrial settings; performing arts; 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 within the aforementioned settings; and

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

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2023* as:

National Athletic Training Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State