## 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 2024* 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 Fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

SENSES TO SENSES

Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State