



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are licensed healthcare providers in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are competent in developing and implementing policies and procedures that protect the safety and well-being of student-athletes and those who are physically active; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers promote healthy lifestyle behaviors and injury prevention through effective education and communication to enhance wellness and minimize the risk of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joe Ladapo encourages Floridians to engage in physical activity to optimize public health through the Florida Department of Health's initiative *Healthier You*; and

WHEREAS, *Healthier You* is a one-stop shop for Floridians to access resources to promote a healthy lifestyle through healthy habits that promote physical activity and mental wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are trained in the emergency care of injuries during athletic events and physical activities; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers integrate best practices in the immediate and emergency care of individuals for optimal outcomes; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are skilled in the evaluation and diagnosis of injuries and illnesses by implementing systematic evidence-based examinations and assessments to formulate a clinical diagnosis and determine a plan of care; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are educated and trained in the use of therapeutic interventions that facilitate the rehabilitation of injuries that occur during athletic competition and physical activity, with the goal of achieving optimal performance level; and

WHEREAS, all student-athletes who participate in school-based athletic activities deserve to have quality healthcare for injuries that may occur during athletic competition and practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March, 2022, as *National Athletic Training Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



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