

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, each day, individuals from all walks of life engage in physical activities to improve their health, participate in sports, and strive to reach their full potential, and professional athletic training is an allied health care profession recognized by the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who provide quality health care for athletes, those in training, and people engaged in regular physical activity, and they specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care including examinations, assessments and diagnosis, injury prevention, risk management, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injury or illness; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers practice their profession in collegiate, primary, and secondary schools, club sports teams, industries, hospitals, physician offices, rehabilitation clinics, public safety facilities including law enforcement and fire rescue, every branch of the United States military, and more; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1950, the *National Athletic Trainers' Association* (NATA) is a professional membership association for certified athletic trainers and others who support the athletic training profession, and it has a current membership of approximately 45,000, with over 3,000 athletic trainers in the state of Florida and more than 260 in Hillsborough County who are dedicated to its mission that includes promoting unparalleled delivery of athletic training services and embracing diversity, equity, inclusion, and access; and

WHEREAS, the *Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida* (ATAF), founded in 1983, serves the professional interest of athletic trainers in Florida and advocates for clinical practice advancement and recognition of athletic trainers as integral healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in common commitments to raise awareness of the significance of the profession of athletic training and the vital role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality health care services, and **National Athletic Training Month** was established to bring awareness about the importance of athletic trainers and their many contributions to the healthcare industry, and this year, the 2024 National Athletic Training Month theme is *From Head to Toe*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024, as

"NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to recognize the valuable service provided by athletic training and thank them for their many contributions to our wellness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of February 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor