

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

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, immediate care, 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, more than 20,000 certified athletic trainers nationwide are employed in professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics, hospitals, corporate and industrial settings; 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 with 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, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of March 2002 as

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, January 28, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR