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Month" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March of 2014 marks the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) fourteenth annual National Athletic Training Month - this year's theme is "We've Got Your Back"; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1950, the National Athletic Trainers' Association is a not for-profit organization that represents and supports, through education and research, thirty five thousand certified athletic trainers/ members in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians and specialize in the prevention, emergency care, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and sport-related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Originally confined to college sports, certified athletic trainers are now found working in a variety of settings including professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, the military, performing arts, work conditioning, corporations, clinics and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Committed to guarding the safety of all people involved in physical activity, certified athletic trainers have helped to lessen the burden on public and private health care systems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the American Medical Association recognized certified athletic trainers as allied health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois, (NATA-District Four), one thousand two hundred certified athletic trainers are members' of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. By organizing special events, coordinating charity races, conducting screenings, sponsoring career workshops, and hosting luncheons and other outreach activities in their local communities, these individuals have vastly increased public awareness of how ordinary people's lives can be improved through athletic training; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago shares a common desire with leading athletic training and health care organizations to raise public consciousness of the importance of the athletic training profession and of the need for quality health care for athletes and other persons engaged in physical activity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago assembled this 5th of March, 2014, do hereby proclaim the month of March as National Athletic Training Month in Chicago and urge all citizens of Chicago to learn more about the importance of athletic training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the National Athletic Trainers' Association as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

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