



Proclamation *Presented to*

The Hawai'i Athletic Trainers' Association

WHEREAS, The Hawai'i Athletic Trainers' Association (HATA) was founded in 1985 by founding members; Lindy Rowan, Chris Balskie, Melody Toth, Wes Sphar, Pete Howard, Eric Okasaki, Glenn Beachy and Jayson Goo to discuss the future of the athletic training profession in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, certified 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, certified athletic trainers provide prevention of injuries, recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment, rehabilitation, health care administration, education and guidance to athletes and those who are physically active; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association recognized athletic training as an allied health care profession in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) represents and supports the more than 40,000 members nationally, 200 members locally who are employed in high schools, colleges and universities, professional sports teams, clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings and military branches; and

WHEREAS, NATA has combined athletic training and health care with a desire to raise public awareness on the importance of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity in the aforementioned settings;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March, 2015 as

"NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to take time to recognize HATA's effort to improve the health care for Hawai'i athletes and those engaged in physical activity and to promote certified athletic trainers as allied health professionals.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventeenth day of March 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i