WHEREAS, MARCH IS NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRainers PROVIDE IMMEDIATE, QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO THOSE INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ACQUIRED THROUGH NATIONALLY ACCREDITED PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING PROCEDURES ARE A QUALIFIED FACET OF ORGANIZED SPORTS AND ATHLETICS IN GENERAL; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS AIM TO PREVENT, RECOGNIZE, EVALUATE AND CARE FOR INJURIES; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS PROVIDE REHABILITATION, HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND EDUCATION FOR THOSE INJURIES; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS HELP INDIVIDUALS DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FITNESS, WHILE TEACHING THEM HOW TO EXERCISE CORRECTLY; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINING WAS RECOGNIZED IN 1990 BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS AN ALLIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSION; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 39,000 ATHLETIC TRAINERS ARE EMPLOYED NATIONWIDE IN THE FOLLOWING SETTINGS: PROFESSIONAL SPORTS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, HIGH SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS, CORPORATE AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 138 LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH ATHLETIC TRAINING IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAVE COLLABORATED TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROFESSION REGARDING THE WELFARE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AFOREMENTIONED SETTINGS; AND

WHEREAS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS HAVE SUPPORTED THE SENATE BILL 1: CONCUSSION LAW, PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM BRAIN TRAUMA; AND

WHEREAS, THE EFFORTS OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS WILL IMPROVE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY AND PROMOTE ATHLETIC TRAINERS AS ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO PROUDLY HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011 AS:

“ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

ATTEST:

DIANA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR
A MEMORIAL
DECLARING MARCH 3, 2011 "ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY" AND THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2011 AS "NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING
MONTH" IN THE SENATE

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality
health care services for athletes and those engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are able to recommend specific tasks and
activities based on the knowledge and skills they acquired through national
educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are skilled in the prevention, as well as the
recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment of athletic injuries; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers provide rehabilitative services, education
and health care guidance for their clients; and

WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainer's Association represents and
supports thirty-two thousand members of the athletic training profession,
including over one hundred fifty athletic trainers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are employed in a variety of settings,
including professional sports organizations, colleges and universities, high
schools, clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings and in all
branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and
health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of
the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic
trainers in the provision of quality health care services; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Senate to promote improved health care for athletes and all those who engage in physical activity, including those participating in the Annual Legislative Basketball Game;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 3, 2011 be declared "Athletic Trainer Day" and the month of March 2011 be declared "National Athletic Training Month" in the Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Tim Acklin, ATC, President, New Mexico Athletic Trainers' Association; Cathy R. Martinez, LAT, ATC, CSCS, Vice President, New Mexico Athletic Trainers Association; Marjorie J. Albohm, MS, ATC, President, National Athletic Trainers Association; Andrellita Chavez, ATC, Assistant Professor of Athletic Training, New Mexico Highlands University; Jeb Davis, MS, ATC, Teaching Assistant and Ph.D. candidate, University of New Mexico; and Mike McMillan, MS, ATC.

Signed and Sealed at The Capitol, in the City of Santa Fe.

[Signature]
John A. Sanchez, President
New Mexico State Senate

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Senator Howie C. Morales
New Mexico State Senate

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Lenore M. Naranja, Chief Clerk
New Mexico State Senate