

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida was founded in the year 1983 as an organization committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better health care for the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school teams; industries; physician offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military work together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within the City of Ocala; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers are highly skilled healthcare professionals who specialize in immediate, acute and emergency care; examination, assessment and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than 45,000 members of the athletic training profession, including more than 3,000 Athletic Trainers in the State of Florida; 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 city of Ocala to promote improved health care for athletes and all of those who engage in physical activity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as:

## NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

and I urge all residents of Ocala to join us in recognizing Athletic Trainers for their honorable work in keeping the community healthy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of March 2024.



Ben Marciano, Mayor City of Ocala