

No. R-81. House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2025 as National Athletic Training Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.61)

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Higley of Lowell, Kascenska of Burke, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, M. of Milton, Nelson of Derby, Noyes of Wolcott, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Sibilia of Dover, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, and Wells of Brownington

Offered by Senators Collamore, Ingalls, Mattos, Norris, and Vyhovsky

Whereas, the general public might narrowly perceive athletic trainers to be individuals who rush onto a sports field or indoor playing arena when a team member, be it high school, college, or professional, is injured during the course of a game, and

Whereas, although that is their most visible role, in reality, athletic trainers have a long history of providing professional quality health care for athletes and other individuals who are engaged in regular physical activity, and

Whereas, athletic trainers are health care 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, professional, collegiate, and high school teams; private industries; physician offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces employ athletic trainers, and they work collaboratively to promote and practice the profession of athletic training, nationally and within the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1982, these health care professionals, who in 2025 number over 135 in our State, organized as the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers (VAAT), which is dedicated to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, for the healthcare benefit of all Vermonters, and

Whereas, VAAT is affiliated with the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), which represents and supports more than 45,000 members nationwide, and NATA has established March as National Athletic Training Month, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has recognized the role of athletic trainers as health care professionals, and it enacted 1998 Acts and Resolves No. 108 as amended (codified as 26 V.S.A. chapter 83) providing for the licensure of athletic trainers,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2025 as National Athletic Training Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers.