

**No. R-266. House concurrent resolution designating March 2026 as Athletic Trainers' Month in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.219)

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Austin of Colchester, Cole of Hartford, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pritchard of Pawlet, Rachelson of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Walker of Swanton, and Wells of Brownington

*Whereas*, the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers was founded in 1982 as an organization committed to the education of its members, the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, and the creation of better health care for the population it serves, and

*Whereas*, the phrase athletic trainers use to describe their role is “providing care you can count on,” and

*Whereas*, athletic trainers are employed in professional, collegiate, and high school organizations; industries; physicians' offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military, and

*Whereas*, athletic trainers work together to promote and practice their profession within the State, and

*Whereas*, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity, and

*Whereas*, as highly skilled health care professionals, athletic trainers specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of persons who have experienced injuries and illnesses, and

*Whereas*, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the more than 45,000 members of the athletic training profession, including over 130 athletic trainers in the State of Vermont, 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 and the role it serves in the provision of quality health care services, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly designates March 2026 as Athletic Trainers' 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.