

Senate Resolution No. 1720

BY: Senator MURRAY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Athletic Training Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to bring awareness to the role and value of athletic trainers throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Athletic Training Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 75,000 athletic trainers worldwide; athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, evaluation, emergency care, and rehabilitation of acute and chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers strive to provide excellence in health care for those participating in athletic activity, and they work in settings such as schools, colleges, professional sports, performing arts, public safety, occupational health, military, and clinical environments; and

WHEREAS, Athletic trainers are highly trained and qualified, and trainers must earn a master's degree from an accredited athletic training program, pass a nationally recognized certification examination, meet state licensure and regulatory requirements, and complete ongoing continuing education to maintain competency and ensure patient safety; and

WHEREAS, With pride and dedication, athletic trainers work to educate the community on methods and techniques used to decrease the risk of injuries and illnesses occurring to athletes and other physically active persons; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Trainers remain on the front line of emerging research concerning health concerns such as concussions, heat illness, and performance enhancing drugs; and

WHEREAS, New York State recognizes the skilled efforts of these professionals as they endeavor to care for and manage the health concerns of athletes and physically active persons; and

WHEREAS, Groups such as the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association, founded in 1976, work to improve the health care available to physically active persons within the State through the advancement of the athletic training profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2026, as Athletic Training Month in New York State, and to recognize the important services provided by athletic trainers to New York's citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; and the New York State Athletic Trainers' Association.