

PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY
A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
GEORGE WILSON "WILLIE" MYERS



WHEREAS, GEORGE WILSON "WILLIE" MYERS, PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINING HALL OF FAME MEMBER, PATS FOUNDING FATHER, AND AN ATHLETIC TRAINER WHO STAYED IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR HIS ENTIRE CAREER SPANNING OVER 50 YEARS (1957-2008), AND

WHO, AS AN ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ('57-'65) AND THE HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH ('65-'73) SERVED THE ATHLETES; WHO IN 1974, CHANGED CAREER DIRECTION AND BEGAN HIS WORK AS A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR LONG-STANDING CORPORATE SPONSORS OF ATHLETIC TRAINING, RBC & ASSOCIATES/JOHNSON & JOHNSON, AND MEDCO JUST TO NAME A FEW;

WHO, ATTENDED OVER ONE-HUNDRED OF HIS FAVORITE ANNUAL MEETINGS MOSTLY SPONSORED BY PATS, EATA, NATA, AND PBATS, ALWAYS AS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER AND OFTEN AS SALES REPRESENTATIVE;

WHEREAS, EDUCATION IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH ONE GENERATION PASSES ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION BOTH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO LEARN, AND THE PASSION FOR THE JOY OF LEARNING ITSELF; WILLIE MYERS, WHO THROUGH HIS WORDS AND HIS ACTIONS, PASSES THIS LEGACY ON TO THE PROFESSIONALS WHO FOLLOW HIM; AND,

WHO, DEMONSTRATES THE ART OF AUTHENTIC AND ALTRUISTIC BEHAVIORS THROUGHOUT HIS OWN LIFE; AND

WHO, UNSELFISHLY SHARES THE ART OF CONVERSATION AND THE JOY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH EVERYONE WITH WHOM HE ENCOUNTERS AND ASSOCIATES;

WHEREAS, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE *PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY*, AVOW TO CONTINUE WILLIE MYERS' LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, *THOMAS F. WEST, ATC, PHD*, PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY, DO DECLARE THAT THE

PENNSYLVANIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION,

WHICH IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PATS ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM,
WILL HERETOFORE AND FOR PERPETUITY BE RECOGNIZED AS THE
"WILLIE" MYERS EXHIBITOR'S RECEPTION

FURTHERMORE, WE, THE MEMBERS OF PATS OFFER OUR SINCERE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATION TO **WILLIE MYERS** FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING; HE IS TRULY "AN AMBASSADOR" FOR OUR PROFESSION.

Thomas F. West, PhD, ATC, PATS PRESIDENT

SIGNED ON THIS 15th DAY, April MONTH, 2009 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD.