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SR 465: Designating the month of October 2014 as “Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month”

The Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATs) wholly supports Senator Dinniman's resolution that was adopted October 6, 2014. PATs was involved in the passage of ACT 59, the Sudden Cardiac Prevention Act, in May 2012.

PATs represents over 3000 Athletic Trainers in the Commonwealth. Athletic Trainers work in many settings including secondary schools, collegiate athletics, as physician extenders, in rehabilitation and occupational clinics and in hospitals. Athletic Trainers protect and enhance the health and welfare of our clients through the prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions, including sudden cardiac issues.

Athletic Trainers have been involved in saving the lives of numerous individuals across the Commonwealth. Public safety, injury and illness prevention, and early intervention are keystones to the practice of athletic training. Early intervention is the key to prevention of sudden cardiac arrest. Education is the foundation for providing early intervention. After the passage of ACT 59, PATs collaborated with Sport Safety International with consent from the Department of Health (DOH) to develop CardiacWise™, a DOH approved online prevention educational tool available to parents, coaches and others involved in not only athletics, but daily physical activity.

Information on PATs or Athletic Trainers can be found at www.gopats.org. PATs continues to be available as a resource. Any questions should be sent to president@gopats.org.

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