

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Commendation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

**AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
100th ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the leading professional membership organization for the physical therapy profession with the mission of building a community that advances the profession of physical therapy to improve the health of society by optimizing movement; and

WHEREAS, given that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services indicates that more than 80% of adults and adolescents do not get enough physical activity and that regular activity is one of the most important ways to improve health; and

WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are critical to health services teams as movement experts who improve quality of life by addressing pain or chronic conditions that limit participation in activities, and by reducing the risk for chronic diseases, enhancing fitness, and preventing injuries through hands-on care, patient education, and prescribed movement based on rigorous research; and

WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants treat individuals across the lifespan and have clinical expertise in 18 specialty areas: Acute Care, Aquatics, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary, Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management, Education, Federal, Geriatrics, Hand and Upper Extremity, Health Policy and Administration, Home Health, Neurology, Oncology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Pelvic Health, Private Practice, Research, and Sports; and

WHEREAS, students of physical therapy are being educated to address the health care needs of Americans for the next 100 years, and APTA launched in 2020 the Campaign for Future Generations to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for the association and the physical therapy profession; and

WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants have faced the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic head on, treating the most vulnerable, building on their proud history of work in the polio pandemic, and playing an essential role in treating people who are beginning to recover from the most severe effects of the novel coronavirus, both during their time in the hospital and after they leave, for as long as it takes to improve function;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend the **AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION** and congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2021.

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