

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the practice of modern medicine at the standards of today would not be possible without the scientific tasks performed each day by medical laboratory professionals; and

WHEREAS, these highly trained and dedicated health professionals make invaluable contributions to quality health care and help save countless lives each day by providing reliable laboratory test results necessary for the prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, laboratory professionals, including pathologists, doctors of clinical laboratory science, chemists, microbiologists, medical laboratory scientists, medical technologists, cytotechnologists, cytogeneticists, histotechnologists, medical technicians, phlebotomists, histological technicians, and others, are highly trained and well-educated specialists who perform their duties 24 hours a day, every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, 14 billion lab tests are ordered annually, and 70 percent of medical decisions are based on laboratory test results; and

WHEREAS, with the theme *Laboratory Professionals Get Results*, the observance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week emphasizes the essential role of these specialists who, as members of the healthcare team, use state-of-the-art technology to provide answers and guide cures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24 - 30, 2022, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital contributions of dedicated medical laboratory professionals to the delivery of quality healthcare services.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA