



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW) is an opportunity to recognize the approximately 300,000 medical laboratory professionals and 15,000 board-certified pathologists who play a vital role in every aspect of health care; and

WHEREAS, professionals who practice in the medical laboratory, including pathologists, medical technologists, medical laboratory technicians, phlebotomists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, are invaluable members of the patient's health care team; and

WHEREAS, these well-educated and highly-trained health professionals who perform and evaluate medical laboratory tests to detect, diagnose, monitor treatment, and help prevent diseases, save countless lives each day and laboratory test results comprise an estimated 70% of the patient's medical records; and

WHEREAS, with the public now demanding increased health care quality and professional accountability, organizations representing practitioners of this critical science have a responsibility to ensure that the public is well informed about clinical laboratory competency; and

WHEREAS, beyond meeting this public need, the celebration of NMLPW helps increase recognition for the profession as it improves the individual practitioner's sense of self-worth; and

WHEREAS, laboratory medicine is an honorable profession, vital to sustaining a high standard of health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2018

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighth day of March, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State