

## 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, and histotechnologists, are invaluable members of the patient's health care team; and

WHEREAS, these well-educated and highly-trained health professionals perform and evaluate medical laboratory tests to detect, diagnose, monitor treatment, and help prevent diseases; and

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

WHEREAS, during Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, we pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of the medical laboratory practitioners who provide high-quality care and contribute to the overall health of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2022 as

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 twenty-eighth day of April, 2022.

Governor

Secretary of State