



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, medical diagnoses and treatment decisions rely on timely and accurate test results; and

WHEREAS, with billions of laboratory tests performed in the United States each year, laboratory medicine is a critical part of providing high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, laboratory professionals, including pathologists, medical technologists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, medical technicians, phlebotomists, and histology technicians, are well educated and highly trained to detect and diagnose disease and monitor treatment; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "Laboratory Professionals Get Results," the 2013 observance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week emphasizes the critical and essential role of the health care team who use state-of-the-art technology to provide answers and guide cures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2013, 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 fourteenth day of March, 2013.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Hargett".

Secretary of State