



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

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

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

WHEREAS, laboratory professionals, including pathologists, medical technologist, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, medical technicians, and phelbotomists, are educated professionals trained to perform and interpret laboratory tests used to detect and diagnose disease and monitor treatment; and

WHEREAS, with the theme "Laboratory Professionals Get Results," the 2012 observance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week emphasizes the essential role of Laboratory Professionals the healthcare team through their use of state-of-the-art technology to provide answers and guide cures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2012, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS

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 2nd day of December, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Mangat", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State