



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

WHEREAS: During Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, laboratories throughout the country host open houses and provide displays to acquaint the public with the inner workings of the medical laboratory and showcase the valuable contributions of medical laboratory staff; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of the State of Georgia recognize that good health is a key component to living a long, productive, and fulfilling life. As such, Georgians are proud to support observances that raise awareness of the valuable work carried out by professionals in the various areas of health care; and

WHEREAS: Medical laboratories, and their dedicated, highly trained and educated staff, contribute significantly to the health care of the citizens they serve. Professionals, including Pathologists, Medical Technologists, Histologists, Cytotechnologists, Phlebotomists, and Laboratory Assistants, perform and evaluate medical laboratory tests that detect, diagnose, and monitor treatment. Furthermore, their efforts to aid in disease prevention save countless lives each day; and

WHEREAS: More than 300,000 medical laboratory professionals across the United States support physicians and other health care providers in their endeavors toward a healthier nation; and

WHEREAS: The theme of this year's 42nd annual Medical Professionals Laboratories Week is "Laboratory Professional Get Results," highlighting the billions of laboratory tests successfully performed each year across the U.S. During the week, the Tift Regional Hospital System is recognizing the organization's laboratory personnel with a celebration of "Laboratory ALL STARS, Teaming up for Patient Care." These individuals, as well as all those laboratory professionals across Georgia, deliver accurate and precise results both quickly and efficiently in order to ensure the wellbeing of their patients; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 23–29, 2017, as MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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