

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** medical laboratory professionals play a vital role in the health care system by performing complex laboratory tests that provide critical data used to diagnose, treat, and monitor disease; and
- Whereas,** it is estimated that more than 70 percent of medical decisions rely on laboratory test results, highlighting the essential contributions of medical laboratory professionals to patient care and public health; and
- Whereas,** medical laboratory professionals demonstrate exceptional skill, accuracy, and dedication while working behind the scenes to ensure reliable and timely diagnostic information for physicians and other health care providers; and
- Whereas,** these highly trained professionals utilize advanced technologies and scientific expertise to detect diseases, identify infections, and monitor chronic conditions; and
- Whereas,** medical laboratory professionals uphold rigorous standards of quality, safety, and integrity to protect patient health and ensure confidence in laboratory results; and
- Whereas,** throughout public health emergencies and everyday medical care, medical laboratory professionals have shown unwavering commitment to serving their communities; and
- Whereas,** *Medical Laboratory Professionals Week* provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of laboratory professionals and to increase public awareness of the laboratory's role in health care; and
- Whereas,** it is fitting and proper to recognize and honor the dedication, professionalism, and invaluable service of medical laboratory professionals who work diligently to improve the health and well-being of all citizens.

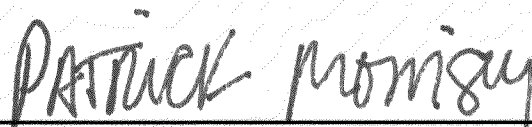
**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 19-25, 2026*, as:

## *Medical Laboratory Professionals Week*

in the Mountain State, and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance to recognize and celebrate medical laboratory professionals for their significant contributions to the health and wellness of the citizens of the Great State of West Virginia.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third year of the State.



*Patrick Morrisey*  
Governor

*By the Governor:*



*Kris Warner*  
Secretary of State