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Laboratory testing plays a crucial role in our health care system, from disease detection to diagnosis and treatment. Across our state, patients and physicians alike rely on medical laboratory professionals to provide accurate information that helps answer important questions about a person's health, from cholesterol levels to genetic disorders to the detection of cancer.

Medical laboratory professionals test and meticulously analyze blood and bodily fluids to uncover these and other health issues. Highly trained across various lab disciplines such as hematology, microbiology, and immunology, these professionals' trusted recommendations strengthen disease prevention and monitoring efforts and help promote patient-centered health care. Without these dedicated laboratory professionals, navigating some of the crucial stages of health care would be extremely difficult.

Laboratory scientists and technicians put their skills and training to use in a variety of settings, from hospitals to physicians' offices to private clinical laboratories. These dedicated men and women are invaluable members of medical teams across the Lone Star State, and their contributions are critical to meeting the health care needs of Texans. As our state continues to respond to the challenges presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the work of medical laboratory professionals has become increasingly important, especially with regards to the processing and review of virus tests.

Every year, a week in April is dedicated to highlighting and celebrating our medical laboratory professionals via an awareness campaign. At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the important role medical laboratory professionals play in ensuring that safe, effective, and efficient health care is available to us all.

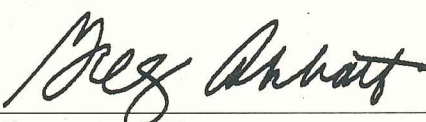
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021, to be

## Medical Laboratory Professionals Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Governor of Texas