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Laboratory testing is a vital component of 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 precise information that helps answer important questions about a person's health, from cholesterol levels and genetic disorders to the detection of cancer.

Medical laboratory professionals conduct approximately 13 billion tests annually, meticulously analyzing blood and bodily fluids to uncover potential 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. Laboratory testing is the single highest-volume medical activity affecting Americans, and it drives about two-thirds of all medical decisions made by doctors and other health care professionals. Without these committed laboratory professionals, navigating some of the crucial stages of health care would be tremendously 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.

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 24-30, 2022, 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
5th day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas