WHEREAS, the health of all Americans depends upon educated minds and trained hands; and

WHEREAS, the practice of modern medicine at the standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in medical laboratories; and

WHEREAS, approximately 300,000 medical laboratory professionals and 15,000 board certified pathologists perform and interpret medical laboratory tests and play a valuable role in a patient’s health care; and

WHEREAS, these highly trained and dedicated medical laboratory professionals’ make an invaluable contribution to quality health care and save countless lives each day by providing reliable test results required for prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, the diversified employees of the medical laboratory include pathologists, pathologist’s assistant, medical laboratory scientists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, microbiologists, medical laboratory technicians, histologic technicians, medical laboratory assistants, phlebotomy technicians, medical secretaries and transcriptionists, laboratory clerical staff and laboratory couriers who perform their duties daily; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is an excellent opportunity to promote the behind the scenes work of medical laboratory professionals, to recruit students to the field, to thank medical laboratory professionals and gain visibility for the medical laboratory throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando is grateful for our community’s medical laboratory professionals and thanks them for playing a key role in helping to ensure the health and well-being of residents in The City Beautiful;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando; do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024, as “Medical Laboratory Professionals Week” in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 14th day of April 2024.

Buddy Dyer

MAYOR