

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, medical laboratorians are highly skilled and technically trained health professionals who make invaluable contributions to help improve and maintain the overall health of our nation, state, and county; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week originated in 1975 to increase public awareness and understanding of the essential role medical laboratorians play in helping physicians with patient care; and

WHEREAS, public health concerns such as the control and surveillance of acute and chronic diseases like COVID-19, Monkeypox, heart disease, cancer, and stroke are dependent upon the accurate and timely analyses performed by medical laboratory professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment is crucial to a patient's health which wouldn't be possible if not for educated minds and trained hands of the medical laboratory professionals whose efforts play an integral role in helping to give the people of our communities the best care possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Medical Laboratory Professionals Week from April 14 - 20, 2024 has the theme "The Lab is Everything," and strives to enlighten the public's knowledge of the standards, integrity, and accountability that is a part of the laboratory profession; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu appreciates and supports the medical laboratory professionals who continue to provide physicians with vital laboratory data for the residents of our island,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI,** Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim April 14 - 20, 2024, to be

## MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in recognition of the women and men of the profession who play an essential role on the healthcare team and whose continued dedication and hard work is vital to the people of Oʻahu and the state of Hawaiʻi.



Done this 14th day of April, 2024, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

RICK BLANGIARDI