WHEREAS: The State of Oregon recognizes the valuable work carried out by medical laboratory professional employees, who carefully and professionally detect, diagnose, treat, monitor disease, and deliver the best care to the citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS: Medical Laboratory Professionals are on the frontlines of identifying, tracking, and monitoring public health threats including emerging and re-emerging diseases and pandemics; and

WHEREAS: The diversified employees of the laboratory include pathologists, medical technologists, histologists, cytotechnologists, microbiologists, medical technicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, medical secretaries, and transcriptionists and laboratory clerical staff who perform their related duties 24 hours per day every day of the year; and

WHEREAS: Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is an excellent opportunity to recognize, appreciate and acknowledge the dedicated laboratory professionals, the unseen heroes who have an integral part in everyday and emergent care for Oregon patients.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024 to be

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 28, 2024.

Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State