



WHEREAS, medical and treatment decisions rely on timely and accurate test results; and

WHEREAS, laboratory professionals, including pathologists, medical laboratory scientists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, molecular biologists, clinical chemists, phlebotomists, and histological technicians, are highly trained specialists who perform and evaluate laboratory tests to detect and diagnose disease and monitor treatment; and

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals play a critical and often unseen role in public health by supporting disease surveillance, outbreak detection, and emergency response efforts, thereby strengthening the health system's ability to protect communities and respond to emerging health threats; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of these standards and progress toward improvement in the quality of laboratory services depend on the dedicated efforts of professional clinical laboratory science practitioners; and

WHEREAS, through this dedication, the medical laboratories of the United States have made a vital contribution to the quality of healthcare;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between April 19 and April 25, 2026, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this nineteenth day of April, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor