

COUNTY OF HAWAII

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals are highly skilled and technically trained health care professionals whose laboratory testing provides critical diagnostic information that guides up to 70 percent of clinical decision making and supports the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the County of Hawai'i rely on accurate and timely laboratory services to support access to quality health care across a geographically large and diverse island, including rural and remote communities; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals play an essential role in disease detection, public health surveillance, and emergency preparedness, helping ensure continuity of care during public health events, natural disasters, and everyday medical needs; and

WHEREAS, these professionals perform complex scientific work largely behind the scenes, yet their expertise is fundamental to patient safety, reliable diagnoses, and effective medical treatment throughout Hawai'i Island; and

WHEREAS, workforce challenges within health care persist, and Medical Laboratory Scientist positions have been identified as among the most difficult health care roles to fill in certain care settings, highlighting the importance of supporting and sustaining a strong laboratory workforce for the County of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Scientists serving Hawai'i Island are highly educated, board-certified, and state-licensed professionals who apply advanced scientific training and rigorous quality standards to ensure the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of laboratory test results;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. Kimo Alameda, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 19 to April 25, 2026, as "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week," and encourage the people of Hawai'i Island to recognize and appreciate the essential contributions of Medical Laboratory Professionals whose work supports patient care, public health, and the well-being of our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Great Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed this 16th day of April 2026.



C. KIMO ALAMEDA, Ph.D.
Mayor, County of Hawai'i