



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week 2026

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the County of Kaua'i depend on accurate and timely laboratory services to ensure continuity of care across an island community where access to specialized healthcare resources requires efficiency, reliability, and coordination; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals play an essential role in disease detection, public health monitoring, and emergency preparedness, supporting patient care during public health events, natural disasters, and routine medical needs; and

WHEREAS, these professionals perform complex scientific work largely behind the scenes, yet their expertise is vital to patient safety, informed medical decisions, and effective healthcare delivery throughout Kaua'i; and

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

WHEREAS, the County of Kaua'i recognizes the dedication, professionalism, and expertise of highly educated, board-certified, and state-licensed Medical Laboratory Professionals whose work is essential to protecting public health, ensuring accurate diagnostic testing, and improving patient outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR, COUNTY OF KAUA'I, do hereby proclaim April 19 to April 25, 2026, as **Medical Laboratory Professionals Week**, and encourage the people of Kaua'i to recognize and appreciate the essential contributions of Medical Laboratory Professionals whose work supports patient care, public health, and the well-being of our community.



Derek S.K. Kawakami
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