



Proclamation

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals are highly skilled and technically trained health care professionals whose laboratory testing provides critical and timely diagnostic information that guides nearly 70% of medical decision-making and supports the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week was established in 1975 to increase public awareness and understanding of the essential role medical laboratory professionals play in supporting physicians, public health efforts, and patient care, while highlighting the vital contributions they make to our community; and

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals serve in hospitals, clinics, public health laboratories, and research settings throughout the City and County of Honolulu, where their accurate and timely laboratory analyses are vital to disease detection, public health surveillance, and informed medical care, ensuring the health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals often work behind the scenes, yet their expertise, precision, and commitment directly contribute to patient safety, effective treatment, and improved health outcomes for the people of our community; and

WHEREAS, medical laboratory scientists serving the City and County of Honolulu are highly educated, board-certified, and state-licensed professionals whose advanced scientific training ensures the accuracy, reliability, and quality of laboratory testing that supports patient care and public health; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is observed April 19 – 25, 2026, with the national theme “Lab Story: To Infinity and Beyond for Our Patients,” recognizing the dedication of laboratory professionals who go above and beyond to provide accurate and timely diagnostic information that supports patient care and public health, and the City and County of Honolulu proudly acknowledges and supports these professionals for their essential contributions,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026, to be

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

in recognition of the medical laboratory professionals who play an essential role on the healthcare team and whose continued dedication, expertise, and service are vital to protecting public health and supporting quality healthcare for the people of O‘ahu.



Done this 19th day of April, 2026,
in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

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