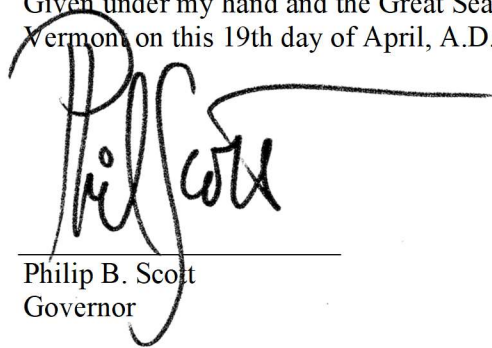


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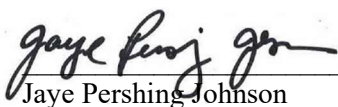
- WHEREAS,** Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is celebrated nationally and annually in April; and
- WHEREAS,** 70% of medical treatments rely on medical laboratory testing, whether that's a hospital, reference, or commercial laboratory; and
- WHEREAS,** dedicated Medical Laboratory Science professionals maintain the highest standards and continually work to improve the quality of laboratory services; and
- WHEREAS,** the detection of emerging and re-emerging pathogens demonstrates the critical role of laboratory professionals in the response to public health emergencies; and
- WHEREAS,** laboratory professionals, including pathologists, medical laboratory scientists, medical laboratory technicians, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, histology technicians, laboratory assistants, and phlebotomists, are highly skilled and educated health care specialists who perform and evaluate laboratory tests to detect, diagnose, treat, and monitor disease; and
- WHEREAS,** accredited medical laboratory science programs play a crucial role in preparing future laboratory professionals to uphold the highest standards of laboratory medicine and patient care; and
- WHEREAS,** ensuring a highly skilled laboratory workforce throughout hospital laboratories in Vermont is essential to keeping patients safe; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters benefit every day from the behind-the-scenes work of laboratory professionals whose dedication, expertise, and accuracy are essential to quality health care and improved patient outcomes.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026 as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont, on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2026.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs