

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the diversified employees of the laboratory include medical laboratory scientists, pathologists, pathologist assistants, histotechnologists, cytotechnologists, microbiologists, medical laboratory technicians, histotechnicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, medical secretaries, transcriptionists, and laboratory clerical staff; and

WHEREAS, these highly trained and dedicated professionals make an invaluable contribution to quality health care and save countless lives each day by providing reliable laboratory test results; and

WHEREAS, more than 13 billion laboratory tests are performed in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, these laboratory test results are integral for many medical decisions, often providing crucial information for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of disease; and

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals should be celebrated for their significant contributions to the health and wellness of all Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is a time of recognition for the over 470,000 medical laboratory professionals who play a vital role in health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 17th day of April, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Governor Bob Ferguson