

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHARLESTON
PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Medical laboratory professionals play a vital role in health care and patient advocacy, performing complex tests that provide the critical data used to diagnose, treat, monitor, and prevent disease; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that more than 70% of medical decisions rely on laboratory test results, highlighting the essential contributions of medical laboratory professionals to patient care and public health; and
- WHEREAS:** Working behind the scenes, medical laboratory professionals apply advanced technology, scientific expertise, and a strong commitment to accuracy to ensure reliable and timely results for physicians and care teams; and
- WHEREAS:** These highly trained professionals uphold rigorous standards of quality, safety, and integrity while demonstrating dedication and service in both routine care and public health emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of laboratory professionals and to increase awareness of their role in delivering high-quality health care; and
- WHEREAS:** This year's theme, "Lab Story: To Infinity and Beyond For Our Patients," honors the essential, behind-the-scenes role laboratory professionals play in patient care and diagnosis; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby recognize April 19th through 25th, 2026 as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

In Charleston, West Virginia, and encourage all citizens recognize the expertise, commitment, and collaborative spirit of laboratory professionals in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of April 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Shuler Goodwin", written over a horizontal line.

Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor