

WHEREAS; laboratory testing is crucial to ensuring accurate disease detection, diagnosis, and treatment that physicians and patients depend on to help answer important questions about an individual's health, from cholesterol levels to genetic disorders to cancer detection; and

WHEREAS; medical laboratory professionals uncover health issues by testing and carefully analyzing blood and body fluids, and are highly trained in lab disciplines such as hematology, microbiology, clinical chemistry, and immunology; and

WHEREAS; laboratory scientists and technicians that belong to this profession are important members of medical teams across Wisconsin, putting their skills and training to use in a variety of settings—from hospitals to physicians' offices to private clinical laboratories—and playing a critical role in meeting the healthcare needs of Wisconsinites 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS; throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our laboratory professionals have put in countless hours developing, validating, and implementing COVID-19 tests to help control the spread of the virus and keep our state safe; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Wisconsin, our state's laboratory professionals performed over two million COVID-19 tests in 2020, on top of normal patient testing workloads; and

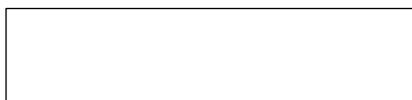
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals and organizations across our state in celebrating the efforts of Wisconsin's medical laboratory professionals, and highlights the important role they play in ensuring the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 18 through 24, 2021, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 24th day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State