

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the practice of modern medicine depends on the exacting standards by which scientific tests are performed daily by Medical Laboratory Professionals (MLPs); and

WHEREAS, there are about 300,000 MLPs in the United States who conduct more than 10 billion laboratory tests each year; and

WHEREAS, MLPs provide up to 70 percent of patients' laboratory testing data for physicians to provide an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan; and

WHEREAS, MLPs are highly trained in lab disciplines such as hematology, parasitology, toxicology, microbiology, clinical chemistry, molecular diagnostics, and immunology; and

WHEREAS, MLPs make invaluable contributions to quality health care and save countless lives each day by providing reliable results for prevention, diagnosis, detection and treatment of disease; and

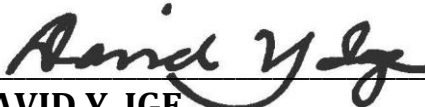
WHEREAS, MLPs have a critical role in preventing and controlling global health threats, such as with the diagnosis of COVID-19;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim
April 18–24, 2021 as

“MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the national importance of science education and encourage our keiki to pursue the explorers within them.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of April 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i