

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, medical diagnoses and treatment decisions rely on timely and accurate test results; and

WHEREAS, expanding medical knowledge, technological developments, and America's growing and aging population are increasing the need for medical laboratory testing; and

WHEREAS, laboratory medicine is a critical part of sustaining high quality health care with more than 10 billion tests performed in the United States each year and test results comprising nearly 70 percent of a patient's medical records; and

WHEREAS, providing critical testing and evaluation services in areas that touch on all aspects of health care, laboratory professionals are highly-trained and well-educated specialists who help detect and diagnose disease and monitor treatment; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Laboratory Professionals Get Results," the observance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week emphasizes the essential role of these specialists who, as members of the healthcare team, use state-of-the-art technology to provide answers and guide cures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 19 - 25, 2015, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital contributions of dedicated medical laboratory professionals to the delivery of quality health care services.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA