

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 24 - 30, 2016, 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