

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the health of all Americans depends upon educated minds and trained hands; and

**WHEREAS**, the practice of modern medicine at today's standards would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in medical laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, laboratory medicine is an honorable profession, which is vital to the high standards of healthcare enjoyed in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, laboratory staff include pathologists, medical technologists, histologists, cytotechnologists, microbiologists, medical technicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, medical secretaries, transcriptionists, and laboratory clerical staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of these approximately 300,000 highly-trained and dedicated laboratory professionals and 15,000 board-certified pathologists make an invaluable contribution to quality healthcare and save countless lives each day by providing reliable laboratory test results required for the prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is an excellent opportunity to recognize, appreciate, and acknowledge the dedicated men and women, the unseen heroes, who have a very important role in fighting this global pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023, as

### *Medical Laboratory Professionals Week*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

