

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

**MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS' WEEK**

**2026**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of North Carolinians relies on prompt, precise laboratory results that guide critical medical decisions and support the detection and prevention of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the level of care we expect in modern medicine would not be possible without the countless scientific analyses performed each day in medical laboratories across our state; and

**WHEREAS**, laboratory professionals, including pathologists, medical laboratory scientists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists, medical laboratory technicians, phlebotomists, and histologic technicians are highly skilled experts who conduct and interpret tests essential to identifying illness, informing diagnoses, and tracking treatment; and

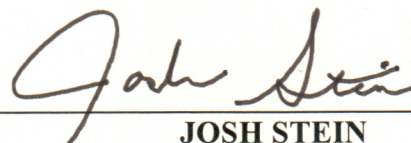
**WHEREAS**, dedicated laboratory practitioners in public health, health care systems, independent labs, and research settings uphold rigorous standards and continuously strive to advance the quality of laboratory services; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to detect emerging and reemerging infectious threats underscores the indispensable role laboratory professionals play in safeguarding public health during emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina benefits from the substantial contributions that medical laboratory professionals make to the health of our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026, as “**MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS' WEEK**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





**JOSH STEIN**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.