



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK

WHEREAS: During National Medical Laboratories Week, laboratories throughout the country host open houses and provide displays to acquaint the public with the inner workings of the medical laboratory and showcase the extremely valuable contributions of medical laboratory staff; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of the State of Georgia recognize that good health is a key component of a long, productive, and fulfilling life. As such, Georgians are proud to support observances that raise awareness of the valuable work carried out by professionals in the various areas of health care; and

WHEREAS: Medical laboratories, and their dedicated, highly trained and educated staff, contribute significantly to the health care of the citizens they serve. Professionals, including Pathologists, Medical Technologists, Histologists, Cytotechnologists, Phlebotomists, and Laboratory Assistants, perform and evaluate medical laboratory tests that detect, diagnose, and monitor treatment. Furthermore, their efforts to aid in disease prevention save countless lives each day; and

WHEREAS: Over 300,000 medical laboratory professionals across the United States support physicians and other health care providers in their endeavors toward a healthier nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 22–26, 2013, as MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF