

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals and pathologist play an important role in the health of individuals, and they are dedicated to ensuring the highest standards of quality, patient safety, public health, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, skilled and dedicated, medical laboratory professionals (MLS) and pathologists are critical to health care, and they are vital in the diagnostics and prevention of disease, analyzing and interpreting a vast variety of biological specimens and thousands of laboratory tests, and are responsible for performing scientific testing on samples and reporting the results to physicians; and

WHEREAS, medical laboratory professionals protect our future and contribute to the well-being and safety of our citizens throughout our nation, and their timely results influence approximately 70 percent of all medical decisions including diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of disease; and

WHEREAS, **National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week** (Lab Week) was established by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and is coordinated by nearly twenty national clinical laboratory organizations, and it provides the opportunity to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory professionals; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2025 National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is ***Mystery Machine of Diagnostics: Another Case Solved by the Lab***, and it highlights the laboratory's role in solving diagnostic mysteries and contributing to patient care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 20 - 26, 2025, as

“NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging the important role of the medical laboratory professionals and pathologists, and in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to diagnostics and the well-being of the residents of our community, state and the nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of April 2025.



Jane Castor
Mayor