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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 19-25 OF 2026 TO BE "MEDICAL LABORATORY  
PROFESSIONALS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Alzate, Solomon, Baginski, Furtado, Place, and Read

Date Introduced: April 14, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week began in 1975 as National Medical  
2 Laboratory Week under the auspices of the American Society for Medical Technology; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2026 theme for Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is “Lab Story:  
4 To Infinity and Beyond For Our Patients”. This theme highlights the expansive reach and crucial  
5 role of lab professionals in patient care, diagnosis and treatment, highlighting their journey and  
6 impact; and

7 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of all Rhode Islanders depends upon educated  
8 minds and trained hands; and

9 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy  
10 would be impossible without the accurate and timely scientific tests performed daily in medical  
11 laboratories across the state; and

12 WHEREAS, Maintenance of these standards and progress toward improvement in the  
13 quality of laboratory services depends on the dedicated efforts of professional clinical laboratory  
14 science practitioners; and

15 WHEREAS, Through this dedication, medical laboratory professionals in Rhode Island  
16 and across the United States have made vital contributions to the quality of our nation's health  
17 care; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
19 proclaims April 19-25 of 2026 to be "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week" in the State of

1 Rhode Island in recognition of the essential contributions of these professionals; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House furthermore thanks all of the dedicated laboratory  
3 professionals in the State of Rhode Island who work tirelessly to protect the health and safety of  
4 our State's residents; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of  
7 Health, Dr. Jerome Larkin, MD, Maddie Josephs, Chair, Allied and Rehabilitative Health at  
8 CCRI, Leslie Martineau, Director, Laboratory Services, Wound Clinic and Sleep Disorder Center  
9 at CharterCARE Health Partners, and Betsy Reilly, Retired Cytotechnologist and Laboratory  
10 Manager at Women & Infants Hospital.

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