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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 20-26 OF 2025 TO BE "MEDICAL LABORATORY
PROFESSIONALS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Boylan, J.
Brien, Chippendale, Bennett, Perez, Carson, and Fellela
Date Introduced: April 24, 2025

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 2025 theme for Medical Laboratory Professionals Week “The Mystery
4 Machine of Diagnostics”, playfully compares the Scooby-Doo van to a diagnostic laboratory,
5 emphasizing the vital role of lab professionals in solving medical mysteries through diagnostics;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, The health of all Rhode Islanders depends upon educated minds and trained
8 hands; and
9 WHEREAS, The practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy
10 would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in a medical laboratory; and
11 WHEREAS, Maintenance of these standards and progress toward improvement in the
12 quality of laboratory services depends on the dedicated efforts of professional clinical laboratory
13 science practitioners; and
14 WHEREAS, Through this dedication, the medical laboratories of the United States have
15 made vital contributions to the quality of our nation's health care; now, therefore be it
16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
17 proclaims April 20-26 of 2025 to be "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week" in the State of
18 Rhode Island; and be it further
19 RESOLVED, That this House furthermore thanks all of the dedicated laboratory

1 professionals in the State of Rhode Island who work tirelessly to protect the health and well-being
2 of our State's residents; and be it further

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

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