



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

“AMERICAN SAMOA MEDICAL LAB PROFESSIONALS WEEK APRIL 23-29, 2023”

- WHEREAS**, medical diagnosis and treatment decisions rely heavily on timely and accurate clinical laboratory test results; and
- WHEREAS**, billions of these laboratory tests are performed in the United States each year in hospital and commercial laboratories and other sites; and
- WHEREAS**, critical decisions regarding Public Health, such as the control of disease outbreaks, are dependent upon the accurate and timely analysis performed by laboratory professionals; and
- WHEREAS**, the exacting standards of modern medical practice require scientific precision of clinical and public health tests performed daily by laboratory professionals; and
- WHEREAS**, the medical and public health fields rely on the dedicated efforts of laboratory professionals to maintain the high standards of quality in laboratory practice; and
- WHEREAS**, more than 265,000 laboratory professionals across the United States and its Territories are being honored this week for their dedication to serving individual patients and the public; and
- WHEREAS**, these highly trained and dedicated health professionals make invaluable contributions to quality health care and save countless lives each day by providing reliable laboratory test results required for prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, which compromise almost 70% of the patient's medical records; and
- WHEREAS**, employees of the laboratory include pathologists, medical technologists, histologists, cytotechnologists, microbiologists, chemists, other laboratory scientists, medical technicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, medical secretaries and transcriptionists, and laboratory clerical staff who perform their related duties 24 hours per day, every day of the year; and,
- WHEREAS**, American Samoa residents deserve the highest possible health care quality and accountability, and laboratory science practitioners and their peer organizations keep the public well-informed about the medical laboratory practice and competency; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, medical laboratory professionals and its medical partners have played a crucial role in testing and monitoring patients and have worked behind the scenes throughout the United States and its Territories to ensure the health and well-being of the people; and

WHEREAS, laboratory medicine is an honorable profession, which should be recognized by all Individuals as vital to the high standards of health care enjoyed in American Samoa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, hereby proclaim April 23 through April 29, 2023 as **MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS' WEEK IN AMERICAN SAMOA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 20th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA

Governor