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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 14-20 OF 2024 TO BE "MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Spears, Fellela, Boylan, Handy, and Diaz

Date Introduced: April 11, 2024

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 2024 theme for Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is "The Future
4 is Lab", in celebration of the laboratory professionals who protect our future by skillfully
5 adapting to meet today's evolving patient care and public health challenges with resilience,
6 innovation, and expertise; 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 14-20 of 2024 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 Acting Director of the Rhode Island
5 Department of Health, Ms. Staci A. Fischer, MD, FACP, FIDSA, Maddie Josephs, Chair, Allied
6 Rehabilitative Health Department at CCRI, Leslie Martineau, Systems Director Laboratory
7 Services, Wound Care and Sleep Disorders at CharterCare, and Betsy Reilly, Retired Cytologist
8 and Pathology Manager at Women & Infants Hospital.

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