

## MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

WHEREAS: Medical Laboratory Week recognizes the over 265,000 medical laboratory professionals and 15,000 board certified pathologists who perform and evaluate medical laboratory tests; and

WHEREAS: Medical laboratory professionals represent a variety of specialties, including pathologists, medical technologists, clinical laboratory scientists, medical laboratory technicians, histotechnologists, histologic technicians, cytotechnologists, cytopathologists, phlebotomy technicians, clinical chemists, microbiologists, laboratory managers and medical educators; and

WHEREAS: Using state-of-the-art technology and instrumentation, laboratory professionals help to prevent disease by detecting unknown health problems and by aiding in the diagnosis and treatment of existing conditions by giving accurate, timely test results; and

WHEREAS: The laboratory tests are vital to diagnosis and treatment as the results of laboratory tests often identify the presence of disease in its earliest stages, when the possibilities of a cure are greatest and when treatment is least costly; and

WHEREAS: The 2005 observance of National Laboratory Week provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the State of Georgia to recognize the contributions that professional medical laboratory professionals and board certified pathologists make to the field of allied health; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2005, as MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand five.