



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

Abigail D. Spanberger  
Governor

September 22, 2026

Alka B. Lohmann, Director  
c/o Virginia Department of Forensic Science Western Laboratory  
6600 Northside High School Road  
Roanoke, Virginia 24019

Dear Director Lohmann and Staff:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all attendees of the 2026 Service Awards for the Virginia Department of Forensic Science.

Since its formal establishment in 2005, the Department of Forensic Science has remained steadfast in supporting the Commonwealth's criminal justice system by providing reliable, timely, and high-quality laboratory services. This important mission is sustained by the scientists and professionals who work diligently to advance the field, support investigations, and help uphold the integrity of the justice system. During National Forensic Science Week, we recognize the vital contributions of these dedicated professionals throughout the Commonwealth and our nation.

As you gather today, know that the Commonwealth is grateful for your service and your continued dedication to advancing Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abigail D. Spanberger".

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