



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, October 9-15, 2016 marks International Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States and Europe designed to raise global awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist; and

WHEREAS plasma protein therapies save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world every day; and

WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, and certain rare neurological disorders; and

WHEREAS, these therapies are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve lives; and

WHEREAS, these therapies have significantly improved the quality of life and patient outcomes, and have extended life expectancy for individuals living with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2016 as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




GOVERNOR