

Proclamation



PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2016

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is observed to raise awareness of the importance of a plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the contributions of plasma donors and seek to increase the understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies; and

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

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1,000 pregnant women in the District of Columbia receive plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 9 - 15, 2016, in Washington, DC as "PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK."

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.

