

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

Whereas, October 9th - 15th 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, to 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, save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world; 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 lives; and

Whereas, these therapies have significantly improved the quality of life and increased life expectancy for individuals with plasma protein disorders.

Now, Therefore, I, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
do hereby declare October 9th - 15th, 2016

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and urge all Delawareans to do their share this day and throughout the year, to recognize and raise awareness for International Plasma and its overall impact on the community.



Jack Markell

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Governor

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