  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

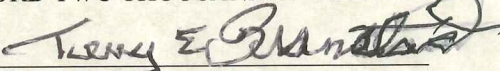
- WHEREAS,** October 9-15 marks Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and
- WHEREAS,** plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout Iowa and the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including hemophilia and other bleeding primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, and Rh negative pregnancies; and
- WHEREAS,** these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 1,200 individuals in the state of Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** each year approximately 5,500 pregnant women in Iowa receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS,** there are 14 plasma donation centers in Iowa certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2016, as

**PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-  
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED  
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO  
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS *27th*  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE