



WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, and save and improve the lives of individuals throughout Illinois and the United States, and

WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, 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 4,900 individuals in the state of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 20,000 pregnant women in Illinois receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types, and

WHEREAS, there are 18 plasma donation centers in Illinois, certified under the International Quality Plasma Program, where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies, and

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is recognized throughout the United States to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, to 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;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as **PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all Illinoisans recognize the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients throughout Illinois and the United States.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-FIRST *day of* SEPTEMBER *, in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SIXTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*

one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH *.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

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