

# Proclamation

by

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Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is 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, that save lives; 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 1,700 individuals in the state of Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, Each year approximately 7,800 pregnant women in Kentucky receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS, There are seven plasma donation centers in Kentucky 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, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

## PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 225<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE