



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

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 Louisiana 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 1,800 individuals in the state of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** each year approximately 7,400 pregnant women in Louisiana receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS,** there are eight plasma donation centers in Louisiana 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, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of October*

A. D., 2016.



Governor of Louisiana