

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2016

- WHEREAS,** *October 9 - 15, 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, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about lifesaving 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 Maryland 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 2,300 individuals in the state of Maryland; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2016 as PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland, and commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 9th day of October

Two Thousand sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Wittford
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State