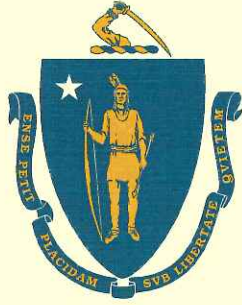


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas October 9th to the 15th 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 life-saving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

Whereas Life-saving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world; and

Whereas Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and certain rare neurological disorders; and

Whereas These therapies are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve life expectancy and patient outcomes for an estimated 2,600 individuals in the state of Massachusetts; and

Whereas each year approximately 9,200 pregnant women in Massachusetts receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9th to the 15th, 2016 to be,

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Fifteenth day of July, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts