



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week features observances throughout the United States designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week further recognizes the contributions of plasma donors whose donations save and improve lives and improves 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 exists; 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 2,100 individuals per year in the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Each year approximately 8,900 pregnant women in Minnesota receive a plasma protein therapy to protect both mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS: There are 14 plasma donation centers in Minnesota 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2016, as:

## PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pinn*

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR