

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 9-15, 2016, 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 to save and improve lives of individuals throughout Mississippi 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 1,100 individuals in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 4,300 pregnant women in Mississippi receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are three plasma donation centers in Mississippi (Greenville, Gulfport and Hattiesburg) 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, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby designate October 9-15, 2016, as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the eighteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR