



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week observances throughout the United States are 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, and save and improve lives of individuals throughout Missouri 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 Missouri, and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 10,000 pregnant women in Missouri receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are 13 plasma donation centers in Missouri 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, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2016, to be

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of September, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Joan Zander.

Secretary of State