

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016

WHEREAS, October 9-15, 2016, marks **Plasma Awareness Week**, which is aimed at raising awareness of the need for plasma collection, recognizing the contributions of plasma donors toward saving and improving lives, and increasing understanding about life-saving protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, Life-saving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique and helpful medical treatments; 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 lives; and

WHEREAS, Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved quality of life and patient outcomes, and they have extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 9-15, 2016**, as **PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to recognize the role plasma donation plays in improving and saving lives.



Given this 10th day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

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Governor