



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *International Plasma Awareness Week serves to raise awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors in saving and improving lives and increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and*

WHEREAS, *plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products that 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 lives; and*

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2016

AS

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of September in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

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