



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

2016

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 9-15, 2016, marks International Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States and Europe designed to raise global awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the lifesaving contributions of plasma donors, and to increase understanding about plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist; plasma protein therapies 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, plasma protein therapies are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve lives; markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 14,600 pregnant women in North Carolina receive plasma protein therapy to protect mothers and infants from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are 20 plasma donation centers in North Carolina certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, lifesaving therapies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as "PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of September 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.



PAT McCRORY
Governor