

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, October 9-15 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 which save and improve lives of individuals throughout South Dakota 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 individuals in the state of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Each year pregnant women in South Dakota receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and,

*Whereas*, There is one plasma donation center in South Dakota 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, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as

### *PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
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Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State