



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the fourth annual International Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise global awareness of the need for source plasma collection, and to recognize the contributions of plasma donors who save and improve lives through plasma protein therapies; and

WHEREAS, life-saving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist, 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 used in emergency and surgical operations and 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, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 15 plasma donation centers in the Commonwealth of Virginia certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; and

WHEREAS, International Plasma Awareness Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance for source plasma collection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize October 9-15, 2016, as **INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

Handwritten signature of Kelly Thomas in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Commonwealth