

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, which save or improve the lives of individuals throughout Washington 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 an estimated 2,700 individuals in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 11,300 pregnant women in Washington receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are 11 plasma donation centers in Washington certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; and

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is 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 increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as

Plasma Awareness Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 9th day of September, 2016



Governor Jay Inslee