



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week aims to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week recognizes the contributions of plasma donors whose donations save lives; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week promotes a deeper understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies, and the conditions they treat; and
- WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist; 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 1,600 individuals a year in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Every year, approximately 8,900 pregnant women in Minnesota receive a plasma protein therapy to protect both mothers and babies from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS: There are seventeen plasma donation centers in Minnesota 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2018, as:

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE