



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, October 8-14 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 for which no substitutes exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout Tennessee 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 are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve lives; and

WHEREAS, these therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-one plasma donation centers in Tennessee 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, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017 as

Plasma Awareness Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-second day of August, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Scott Bullock

Secretary of State