



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is designated to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as 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, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, and Rh-negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for many Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, there are 28 plasma donation centers in Tennessee where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, lifesaving therapies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim October 3-7, 2022, 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-eighth day of September 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lu Hargrett".

Secretary of State

