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 polineuropathy, 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.

Bill Lee
Governor

Sara Hart
Secretary of State