



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, October 11-17 marks International Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States and Europe designed to raise global awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases, and

**WHEREAS**, life-saving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world, and

**WHEREAS**, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and certain rare neurological disorders, 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 eighteen plasma donation centers in this state 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 11-17, 2015 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 ninth day of July, 2015.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Dargatzis*

Secretary of State

