STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; plasma makes up approximately 55 percent of the total volume of an individual's blood, and it plays a vital role in maintaining body homeostasis through blood coagulation, infection control, blood pressure, body temperature regulation, and more; and

WHEREAS; millions of Americans are in need of plasma and blood donation due to ailments or injury, and according to the American Red Cross, 6.5 units of plasma are needed daily in the United States; and

WHEREAS; plasma protein therapies can be used to treat a variety of conditions, including hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, and Rh-negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS; plasma protein therapies can substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for Wisconsinites in every corner of the state, and plasma donation is essential for these therapies; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin thanks all plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at plasma donation centers across the state, for their critical contributions to the state's healthcare infrastructure and to the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2 – 6, 2023, as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of September 2023.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sara Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State