WHEREAS; plasma makes up approximately 55 percent of the total volume of an individual's blood, and it plays a critical 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, the nation's healthcare system needs 6,500 units of plasma per day; and

WHEREAS; in addition to emergency and critical care situations, 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, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, Rh-negative pregnancies, and more; 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 5 through 9 2026 as

INTERNATIONAL 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 5th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State