WHEREAS; celebrated annually in October, Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on the lives of people with rare diseases; and

WHEREAS; according to the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies—collectively known as plasma protein therapies—are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist and are used to save and improve the lives of patients throughout our state and country; 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 our state; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin thanks all plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at the dozens of plasma donation centers throughout 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 3 through 7 2022 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 30th day of September 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State