

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 folks 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 are used to save and improve the lives of patients throughout our state and country; and

WHEREAS; plasma protein therapies can 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; this year in particular, as folks across our state and throughout our world work to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize the role of plasma donation in the development of effective treatments; and

WHEREAS; plasma protein therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for folks across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin thanks all plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at our state's 26 plasma donation centers, for their critical contributions 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, 2020, 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 1st day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State