STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors for saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and

WHEREAS; plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, and they save and improve lives of individuals throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; plasma protein therapies are used to treat many 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; these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for Wisconsinites throughout the state; and

WHEREAS; each year, thousands of pregnant women in Wisconsin receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 20 plasma donation centers in Wisconsin 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, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 7 – 11, 2019, as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wiscond I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 23nd day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State