



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is a national observance 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, who help to save and improve 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, have no substitute; these unique, biologic products save and improve the lives of individuals throughout North Carolina and the United States; 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 an estimated 3,000 North Carolinians who have rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, plasma obtained from healthy individuals who overcame coronavirus infections can be used for immediate transfusion and/or for the manufacture of purified antibodies to treat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, according to the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association, each year, approximately 15,000 pregnant women in North Carolina receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 34 plasma donation centers in North Carolina, 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, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 5 – 9, 2020, as “**PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.