



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

October 9 – 15, 2016 marks Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States designed to raise awareness of the need for plasma collection; recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives and to increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS,

Lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout Nebraska and the world; and

WHEREAS,

Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and certain rare neurological disorders; and

WHEREAS,

These therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorder, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 700 individuals in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

Each year, approximately 3,700 pregnant women in Nebraska receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS,

There are five plasma donation centers in Nebraska 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, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of October 9 – 15, 2016 as


INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

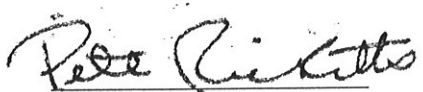
in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Fourteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.



Attest:


Secretary of State


Governor