



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION
PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK**

October 9-15, 2016

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise national awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare and debilitating diseases; and

WHEREAS, there are eight plasma donation centers in Pennsylvania certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies are collectively known as plasma protein therapies, and they are unique, biologic products that cannot be substituted by synthetics; and

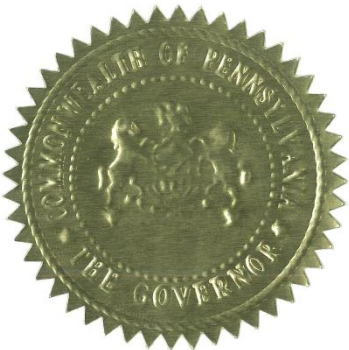
WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including, but not limited to: hemophilia, primary immune deficiencies, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, and Rh negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, over 18,400 pregnant women and over 4,800 patients throughout the commonwealth benefit from plasma-derived therapies each year; and

WHEREAS, Plasma Awareness Week recognizes the immense contributions of plasma donors who save lives and improves public understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat.

THEREFORE, in recognition and support of plasma awareness and the contributions of plasma donors and industry professionals to saving and improving lives, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2016, PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK. I encourage all citizens to take the time to donate plasma and learn about the life-saving difference plasma can make for people across Pennsylvania.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-sixth day of September two thousand sixteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

Tom Wolf
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Governor