



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, this declaration intends to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat;

Whereas, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist;

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, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, and Rh negative pregnancies;

Whereas, these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 1,100 individuals in the state of Utah;

Whereas, each year approximately 7,400 pregnant women in Utah receive plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and,

Whereas, there are 14 plasma donation centers in Utah 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, be it resolved, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, hereby declare October 9-15, 2016, as

Plasma Awareness Week

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