

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 9-15 marks International Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States and Europe designed to raise global awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, life-saving 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 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 are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve lives; and

WHEREAS, these therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 9 - 15, 2106 as

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
on this 2nd day of September, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor