

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, October 8-14 marks Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States designed 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; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, save and improve lives of individuals throughout Vermont and the United States, and are unique biologic products for which no substitutes exist; 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 200 Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 900 pregnant women in Vermont receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of September, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs