

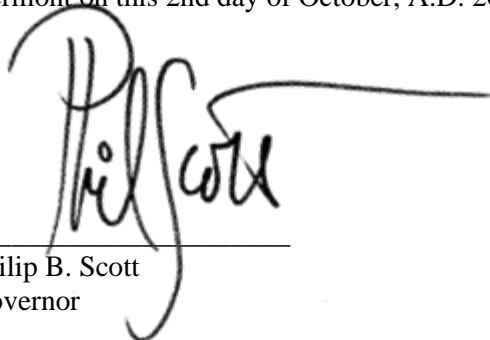
**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** October 5-9 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 and its role in fighting COVID-19; recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives; and increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and
- WHEREAS,** plasma-derived and recombinant therapies—collectively known as plasma protein therapies—are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, and they save and improve lives of individuals throughout Vermont and the United States; 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,** plasma obtained from healthy individuals who overcame coronavirus infections can be used for immediate transfusion and/or for the manufacture of purified antibodies to treat COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 200 Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** plasma operations are recognized as part of the state’s essential, critical infrastructure.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 5-9, 2020 as

**PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK**

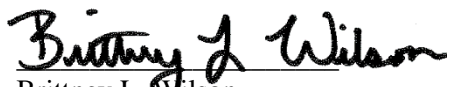
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2020.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs