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.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs