

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, October 4-8 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, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors in saving and improving lives, and to 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, 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, these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 200 Vermonters; and

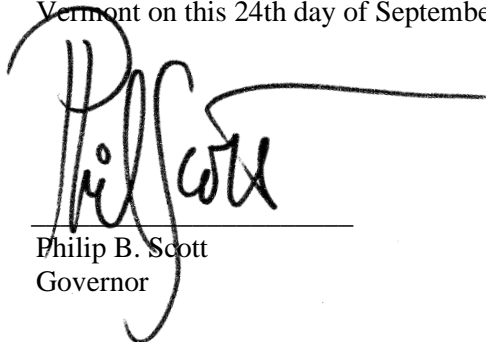
WHEREAS, plasma operations are recognized as part of the state's essential, critical infrastructure.

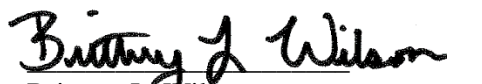
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 4-8, 2021 as

**PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of September, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs