



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The week of October 12-18, 2014, 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 in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biological products for which no substitute therapies exist; 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, and extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and
- WHEREAS:** There are 12 plasma donation centers in Minnesota, which are certified under the International Quality Plasma Program, where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 12-18, 2014, as:

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE