



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic products for which no substitutes exist. These treatments save and improve the lives of individuals throughout our state and across the nation; 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 3,100 Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, approximately 15,000 pregnant women in Georgia receive a plasma protein therapy to protect both mother and child from complications due to incompatible blood types; and
- WHEREAS:** There are thirty-two plasma donation centers in Georgia certified under the International Quality Plasma Program. These centers allow healthy and committed donors to provide plasma that is used to manufacture high impact, life-saving therapies; and
- WHEREAS:** Plasma Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 7-11, 2019 as PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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