BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Plasma Awareness Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for source plasma collection, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to 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, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist. These treatments save and improve the lives of individuals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions, including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, hereditary angioedema, and certain rare neurological disorders. These therapies are also used in emergency and surgical medicine situations; and

WHEREAS: Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life for those who suffer from such conditions, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders. An estimated 3,900 Georgians have received plasma protein therapies to improve their medical outcomes; and

WHEREAS: There are 16 plasma donation centers in the State of Georgia 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, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, 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 17th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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