

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, lifesaving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies; are unique, biologic products that save and improve lives for individuals throughout the world and 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, as well as in emergency and surgical medicine; and

WHEREAS, these therapies can help enrich the quality of life, improve patient outcomes, and extend life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

WHEREAS, there are five plasma donation centers in South Carolina certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors can provide plasma to be used in the manufacture of high-impact, life-saving therapies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 12 - 18, 2014, as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and increase understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA