

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist that save and improve lives of individuals throughout South Carolina 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, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, and Rh negative pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, these therapies can help increase quality of life, improve patient outcomes, and extend life expectancy for an estimated 1,900 individuals in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 7,000 pregnant women in South Carolina receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and

WHEREAS, there are seven 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 9 - 15, 2016, as

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and increase knowledge about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA