



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** During Plasma Awareness Week, observances throughout the United States and the State of Georgia are designed to raise awareness of 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 understanding about lifesaving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and
- 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 Georgia 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, and Rh-negative pregnancies; and
- WHEREAS:** These therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 3,100 Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** Plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at the 44 plasma donation centers in Georgia, are recognized as part of the state's essential, critical infrastructure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 4-8, 2021 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 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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