

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 7-11, 2019

WHEREAS, plasma is the liquid component of blood which holds blood cells in suspension and can be used to treat rare medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, and they save and improve lives of individuals throughout North Dakota 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 quality of life, extend life expectancy and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 200 North Dakotans; and

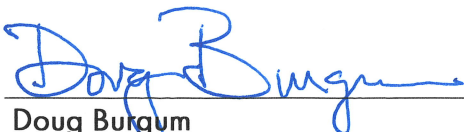
WHEREAS, each year approximately 1,500 pregnant women in North Dakota receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; and


WHEREAS, there are four plasma donation centers in North Dakota certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy and committed donors provide plasma that is used to create high-impact, life-saving therapies; and

WHEREAS, the week of October 7-11 marks Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, to recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 7-11, 2019, PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE