

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 3-7, 2022

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 plasma-derived and recombinant therapies 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

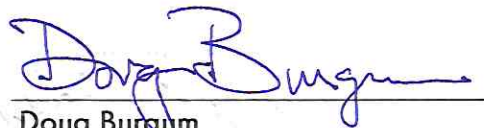
WHEREAS, these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 200 North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at the four plasma donation centers in North Dakota, are recognized as part of the state's essential, critical infrastructure.

WHEREAS, October 3-7, 2022, 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, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and 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 3-7, 2022, **PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE