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**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK**  
OCTOBER 7-13, 2018

**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 manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies; and

**WHEREAS**, Plasma Awareness Week will be celebrated with observances throughout the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, **PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:



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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State