



Proclamation

WHEREAS, International Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise awareness of the need for source plasma collection, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives and to increase understanding about life saving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitute therapies exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions including bleeding disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases, Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and certain rare neurological disorders; and

WHEREAS, these therapies are also used in emergency and surgical medicine to save and improve lives; and

WHEREAS, these therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

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

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2014,

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twelfth day of October, 2014

John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor