



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States, Plasma Awareness Week will be observed from October 7–11, defining life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat, as well as highlighting the significant role plasma donors play in treating patients with rare diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, plasma protein therapies—unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist—save and improve lives of individuals throughout Hawai‘i 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 400 Hawai‘i residents; and

**WHEREAS**, each year approximately 1,100 pregnant women in Hawai‘i receive plasma protein therapy to protect themselves and their babies from complications due to incompatible blood types;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim October 7–11, 2019 as**

## **“PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of plasma protein therapies in saving and improving lives.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this eighteenth day of September 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i