



Proclamation

WHEREAS, plasma is the straw-colored liquid portion of blood that contains proteins and antibodies which are necessary for carrying out critical functions in the human body; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique biologic products for which no substitutes exist; 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 400 patients in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, every year it takes approximately 130 plasma donations to treat one person with a primary immune deficiency, 900 donations to treat one person with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, and 1,200 donations to treat one person with hemophilia; and

WHEREAS, plasma obtained from healthy individuals who overcame coronavirus infections can be used for immediate transfusion and/or for the manufacture of purified antibodies to treat COVID-19;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 5–9, 2020 as

“PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in raising awareness of the importance of plasma protein therapies and recognizing the contribution of plasma donors and all who play an essential role in saving and improving lives.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i