



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, October 11<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> marks International Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States and Europe designed to raise global 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**, life-saving plasma-derived and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as 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 and extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2015, as**

### **INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Cegavske*  
Secretary of State

By *Wg-T. Kelly* \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy