State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *Plasma Awareness Week is designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about life-saving plasma protein therapies and the conditions they treat; and*

WHEREAS, *plasma-derived and recombinant therapies, collectively known as plasma protein therapies are unique, biologic products for which no substitutes exist, save and improve lives of individuals throughout Nevada and the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *plasma protein therapies are used to treat many conditions and these therapies substantially increase quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for people in the Silver State; and*

WHEREAS, *each year approximately 4,600 pregnant women in Nevada receive a plasma protein therapy to protect mother and baby from complications due to incompatible blood types; 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 the week of October 9 - 15, 2016 as*

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 23rd day of September, 2016.

By the Governor: *Governor*

Secretary of State

By *Deputy*