State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, October 13-20, 2013 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 lifesaving plasma protein therapies and rare diseases, and

WHEREAS, lifesaving 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, extended life expectancy for individuals with rare diseases, specifically those with plasma protein disorders, and

WHEREAS, there are five 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 20, 2013 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 20th day of August, 2013.

Sandoval

Governor

By the Governor:

Ross Miller

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy