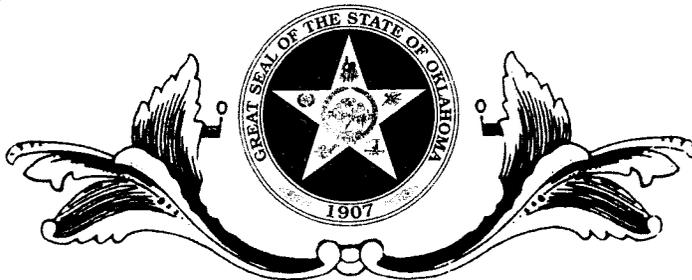


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, October 5 - 9 marks Plasma Awareness Week with observances throughout the United States designed to raise awareness of the importance of plasma donation and its impact on patients with rare diseases and its role in fighting COVID-19, recognize the contributions of plasma donors to saving and improving lives, and to increase understanding about lifesaving 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 Oklahoma 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, 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; and

Whereas, these therapies substantially increase the quality of life, extend life expectancy, and improve patient outcomes for an estimated 1,200 Oklahomans; and

Whereas, plasma donors, as well as the staff who work at the 12 plasma donation centers in Oklahoma, are recognized as part of the state's essential, critical infrastructure;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim October 5-9, 2020, as

"Plasma Awareness Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twenty-second day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.



Michael Rogers *Kevin Stitt*
SECRETARY OF STATE GOVERNOR

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