



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, and it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed, serious hereditary disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as: *Alpha-1 Awareness Month* in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 26 day of October, 2018



Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State