



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as “brittle bone disease,” is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily. A person is born with this disorder and is affected throughout his or her lifetime; and
- WHEREAS:** There are different types of OI with a range of severity from mild to life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS:** Because there is no cure for OI, treatment focuses on minimizing fractures, the surgical correction of deformity, reduce bone fragility, maximizing mobility, and independent function; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased funding for education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments; and
- WHEREAS:** The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation has designated May 1-8, 2021, as National OI Awareness Week. Board members, staff, medical professionals, and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia recognizes the organizations and individuals in our state working to raise awareness of this rare disorder and encourages people to support those with OI and their families in our communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, 2021, as OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Martin Kipatovich

CHIEF OF STAFF