BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily. It is also known as “brittle bone disease.” 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, reducing 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 is declaring April 30 – May 7, 2022, to be National OI Awareness Week, and board members, staff, medical professionals, and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 30 – May 7, 2022, 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 28th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.