

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily and it is also known as “brittle bone disease”; and
- Whereas,** a person is born with OI 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 connection 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 *Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week* for board members, staff, medical professionals and volunteers to join together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness; and
- Whereas,** *Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week* focuses on increasing efforts to raise awareness of this rare disorder and highlighting the need for education and research to help find more effective treatments.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 30-May 7, 2022* as:


Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


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

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State