



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as “brittle bone disease,” is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily; and

WHEREAS, 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, during National Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week, individuals across the country are encouraged to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 6-13, 2017 as

Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twentieth day of March, 2017.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Lee Hyatt in blue ink.

Secretary of State