



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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2-9, 2020 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 third day of February, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Kuntz".

Secretary of State