



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 3-10, 2015 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 fifteenth day of April, 2015.

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

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Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Mangot".

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Secretary of State

