

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

WHEREAS; according to the National Institutes of Health, there are several types of OI, and different classifications are used based on the severity of the disease or the nature of the underlying gene defect, with Type I being the mildest, most common form of OI and Type II being the most severe; and

WHEREAS; while there is no cure, most individuals living with OI are able to lead healthy, productive lives with proper treatment and supportive care; and

WHEREAS; treatment of OI focuses on minimizing fractures, surgically correcting mobility or physical disabilities, reducing bone fragility, and maximizing independent function; and

WHEREAS; increased funding for education and research surrounding OI is needed to help find more effective treatments; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates, medical professionals, and organizations across the state, in spreading awareness of OI;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 4 through 11 2024 as

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3rd day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State