

WHEREAS; Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a genetic disorder characterized primarily by fragile bones that break easily; and

WHEREAS; approximately 25,000 to 50,000 Americans are affected by OI, with different types of the disorder ranging in severity from mild to life threatening; and

WHEREAS; while OI is a disorder that a person is born with and has no cure, most folks who are affected by it are able to lead healthy, productive lives with proper treatment and supportive care; and

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

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

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, board members, staff, medical professionals, volunteers, and activists in spreading awareness of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2 through 9, 2020, as

## **NATIONAL 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State