



# *Proclamation*

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

**WHEREAS**, the gene may be inherited from one or both parents, or the gene can be passed on from a spontaneous mutation of a gene; and

**WHEREAS**, a person born with this disorder is affected throughout their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, there are at least 8 different types of OI with a range of severity from mild to life threatening; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for OI and treatment focuses on minimizing fracture, surgical correction of deformity, reducing bone fragility, maximizing mobility, and independent function; and

**WHEREAS**, possible complications of OI in a child includes respiratory infections, such as pneumonia; heart problems; kidney stones; joint problems; hearing loss; and eye conditions and vision loss; and

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

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai‘i**, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 7, 2022 as

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in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in helping to increase awareness and learning about Osteogenesis Imperfecta, applaud the strength and love of families affected by this rare disease, and help improve the quality of life for people with this condition.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this eighth day of April 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i