



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

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

*WHEREAS, also known as "brittle bone disease," this condition affects individuals throughout his or her entire 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, increased funding for education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments; and*

*WHEREAS, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is declaring May 2-9, 2020 to be National OI Awareness Week and board members, staff, medical professionals and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2-9, 2020, as*

# *National OI Awareness Week*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*