



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as “brittle bone disease,” is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily; 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, surgical correction of deformity, reducing bone fragility, maximizing mobility, and independent function; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation has designated May 4-11, 2019, as National OI Awareness Week; board members, staff, medical professionals, and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the organizations and individuals in our state working to raise awareness of this rare disorder, and encourages people to support those with OI and their families in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 11, 2019, as “**OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.