

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Osteogenesis Imperfecta is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily. It is also known as "brittle bone disease". A person is born with this disorder and is affected throughout his or her lifetime; and,

*Whereas*, There are different types of Osteogenesis Imperfecta with a range of severity from mild to life threatening; and,

*Whereas*, Because there is no cure for Osteogenesis Imperfecta, treatment focuses on minimizing fractures, the surgical correction of deformity, reducing bone fragility, maximizing mobility, and independent function; and,

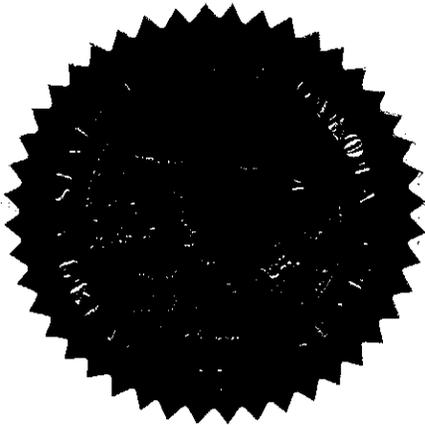
*Whereas*, Increased funding for education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments; and,

*Whereas*, The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is declaring May 5-12, 2012, to be National Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week. Board members, staff, medical professionals, and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on Osteogenesis Imperfecta in an effort to increase awareness:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5-12, 2012, as

**OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State