

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), also known as "brittle bone disease," is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week and Wishbone Day focus attention on OI and the need for education and research to help find more effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4 - 11, 2013, as

OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

and May 6, 2013, as

WISHBONE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about OI and to work together to help bring about acceptance and support for those with this disorder.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA