

# 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 helps raise awareness of 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 3 - 10, 2014, as**

### OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

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**