## NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION ===

## OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 30—MAY 7, 2022

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

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

WHEREAS, the week of April 30—May 7, 2022, is celebrated as National Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week by the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, and board members, staff, medical professionals and volunteers join together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim

April 30—May 7, 2022, OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK in the

State of North Dakota.

CREAT SEA

Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE