

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAMATION**

DESIGNATING MAY 4-11, 2024, AS NATIONAL  
OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA (OI) AWARENESS WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY

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

**WHEREAS**, there are many different types of OI with symptoms that range from mild to life-threatening, with variable clinical features such as fracture frequency, muscle strength or extra-skeletal problems affecting vision, hearing or other body organs and functions; and

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

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately 25,000 to 50,000 people in the United States have OI and with good medical treatment and supportive care, the majority of people will lead healthy, productive lives with an average lifespan; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, a voluntary national health organization, strives to improve the quality of life for people with Osteogenesis Imperfecta by increasing awareness of this rare disease among the public, media, government, and medical communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate May 4-11, 2024, as National Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) Awareness Week in Lake County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

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Chair, Board of Supervisors