STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) 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: 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: Increased funding for education and research is needed to help find more effective treatments; and

WHEREAS: The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is declaring April 30th through May 7th, 2016 to be National Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS: Board members, staff, medical professionals and volunteers are joining together to focus attention on OI in an effort to increase awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 30th through May 7th, 2016, as

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across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in supporting the OI Foundation's efforts to raise awareness of this rare disorder.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord 2016.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State