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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 30 through May 7, 2016, as Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official weeks set aside to increase awareness of serious issues which affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 30 through May 7, 2016, as Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as brittle bone disease, is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that break easily; a person born with this disorder 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, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of rare disorders and diseases of unmet need, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels to support those afflicted as well as their families and caregivers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 30 through May 7, 2016, as Osteogenesis Imperfecta Awareness Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.