

Governor's Proclamation



Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation is conducted, including an autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and

WHEREAS, each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States - including more than 240 younger children under the age of 5 - who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, while less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is the 5th leading cause among children ages 1 to 4, and at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause(s) is unknown. It is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers that are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much needed hope and support for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden unexplained death of a child; and

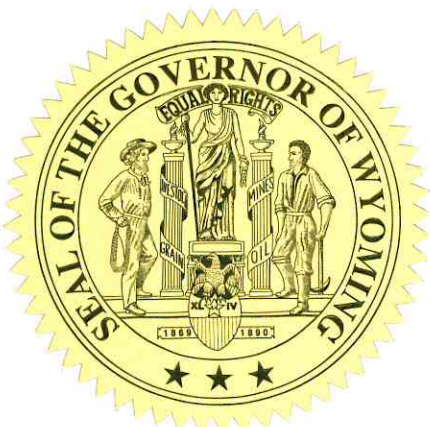
WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed on this 9th day of May, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Mark Gordon in blue ink.

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming