SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to protecting its most vulnerable and will always empower our children to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child 12 months of age or older which remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, according to the SUDC Foundation, every year at least 400 children are lost to undetermined causes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death among children ages one to four; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no way to predict or prevent SUDC; and

WHEREAS, Florida recognizes the dedicated efforts of organizations, medical professionals, investigators and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC by improving the health of infants and children and providing hope and support for those families impacted by the sudden unexplained death of a child; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize and honor those affected by SUDC and continue to raise awareness in hopes of finding a cure for SUDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March 2021, as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month in Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Governor