



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**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, including an autopsy; and

**WHEREAS**, each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States - including more than 200 younger children between the ages of 1 and 4 - who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

**WHEREAS**, while less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which occurs before a child's first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern requiring increased public awareness and research; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown; and SUDC is the 5th leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada recognizes the dedicated efforts of organizations, medical professionals, and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support for those families grieving the 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 support for their families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as**

### **SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Cagovske*  
Secretary of State

By *Scott W. Anderson*  
Deputy