

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF 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. In Oregon alone, more than 45 children died without clear cause or explanation between 1999 and 2018, and while less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), SUDC is an important health concern deserving increased public awareness and research.

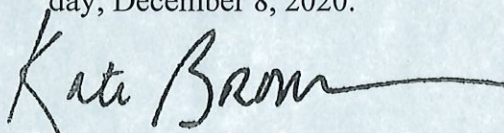
WHEREAS: SUDC is the 5th leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States, and here currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown; and

WHEREAS: We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators 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 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 devastated by their loss and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March, 2021** to be **SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH** in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, December 8, 2020.


Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

