

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the death of a child is one of the most traumatic and heartbreaking events experienced by parents; and

WHEREAS, sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of twelve months and eighteen years for which no cause can be determined after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, each year, SUDC claims the lives of approximately 400 children in the United States, including more than 200 younger children under the age of five who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, there is no definitive cause for SUDC, but research continues in the search for risk factors and preventative measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of SUDC while honoring the families it has affected.



HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA