

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

# STATE OF ARIZONA

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexplained death in children 12 months and older 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, and the majority are 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 category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 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

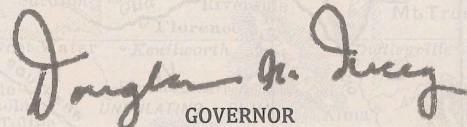
**WHEREAS**, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

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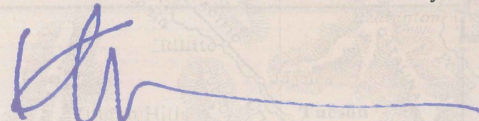
in Arizona, and I call this observation to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty-Fifth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

