

**House Resolution**

**No. 24**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo**

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House Resolution No. 24—Relative to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC)  
2 is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that  
3 remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an  
4 autopsy; and  
5 WHEREAS, Each year there are approximately 400 cases of  
6 SUDC in the United States, including more than 200 younger  
7 children between one and four years of age, inclusive, who die  
8 without any clear cause or explanation; and  
9 WHEREAS, While less common than sudden infant death  
10 syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC  
11 is an important health concern deserving of increased public  
12 awareness and research; and

1 WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among  
2 children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United  
3 States; and

4 WHEREAS, There currently is no way to predict or prevent  
5 SUDC as its cause is unknown; and

6 WHEREAS, It is hoped that future research will identify means  
7 by which SUDC can be prevented; and

8 WHEREAS, We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations,  
9 including the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals,  
10 medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working  
11 to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of  
12 infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support  
13 for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden, unexplained  
14 death of a child; and

15 WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood  
16 Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory  
17 of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and  
18 support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss,  
19 and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search  
20 for answers; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
22 *Assembly recognizes March 2021 as Sudden Unexplained Death*  
23 *in Childhood Awareness Month; and be it further*

24 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
25 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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