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 and typically six cases in Nevada - including more than 200 younger children between the ages of 1 and 4 who go to sleep and never wake up without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, while less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before a child’s first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern that is worthy of increased public awareness and research; and

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

WHEREAS, the SUDC community in Nevada is hopeful that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, in the Silver State we recognize the dedicated efforts of SUDC organizations, 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 in Nevada 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 medical advancements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022, 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 7th day of February 2022.

[Signature]
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Deputy