

**Introduced by Senator Hurtado
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 76, as introduced, Hurtado. Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize March 2022 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC)
2 is a category of death in children between 1 and 18 years of age,
3 inclusive, that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation,
4 including an 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

13 WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among
14 children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United
15 States; and

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

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

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

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

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes March 2022
20 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month;
21 and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
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26 **CORRECTIONS:** _____

27 **Heading—Line 2.**
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