



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is 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 – including more than 200 children between the ages of 1 and 4 – who die 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 issue deserving of public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is a leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 families and loved ones devastated by their loss and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 2022 to be

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this first day of March, 2022*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor