



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to protecting our children and families, and helping them reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of unexpected death in children between the ages of one and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation is conducted, including autopsy; and

WHEREAS, each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States; 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 one to four in the United States; and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is not known what causes SUDC, nor how to predict, prevent, or reduce the risk of its occurrence; 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 is an opportunity to raise awareness, support research for finding a cure, honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing March 2023, as *Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of March, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Governor

