WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDDC) 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 SUDDC in the United States – including more than 200 younger 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 the first birthday, SUDDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, SUDDC is the fifth 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 SUDDC as its cause is unknown; and

WHEREAS, we hope research will identify means by which SUDDC can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDDC, 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 the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 2023 to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-seventh, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-third.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR