

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States between the ages of one and 18 - including more than 200 children under the age of four - who die without any clear cause or explanation; and
- WHEREAS,** SUDC is the fifth leading cause among toddlers, and at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause or causes are unknown, but 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 and volunteers that are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, 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 forever devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as

## SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 24th  
day of February the year of our  
Lord 2023 and of the Independence  
of the United States 247.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric J. Holcomb*