



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) 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 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, sadly, Nevada is not exempt and each year families in this state have had to face the grief and loss of a Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood; 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 fifth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States and 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

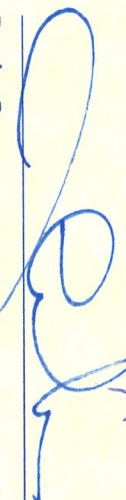
WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children and provide much-needed 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 the families and loved ones devastated by their loss and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE LOMBARDO, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 21st day of February, 2023.



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State



By _____
Deputy