

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

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, SUDC claims the lives of approximately 400 children 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, SUDC is an important health concern and the 5th leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown, but research continues in the search for risk factors and preventative measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of SUDC while honoring the families it has affected.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Henry McMaster'.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA