

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of one 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 younger children between the ages of one and four - 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 deserving of increased public awareness and research; and,

Whereas, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children ages one to four in the United States; and,

Whereas, 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:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023, as

**SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN
CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH**

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State