

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of one and eighteen that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy;

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;

WHEREAS: While less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern that deserves increased public awareness and research;

WHEREAS: SUDC is the 5th leading category of death among children ages one to four in the United States;

WHEREAS: There is currently no way to predict or prevent SUDC, as its cause is unknown;

WHEREAS: We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as medical professionals and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC and improve the health of infants; and

WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, and support families, and increase public awareness of SUDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

"SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord 2024.



Sarah Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

Attest:

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State