

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 there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC 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 deserving of increased public awareness and research; and
WHEREAS, there currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC, as its cause is unknown; and
WHEREAS, advocates hope that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and
WHEREAS, organizations like the SUDC Foundation, as well as medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, are working to 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, support families and loved ones devastated by the loss of a child to SUDC, increase public awareness, and honor the ongoing search for answers.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as

ARIZONA SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

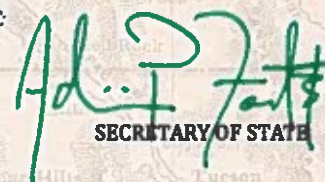
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

