



STATE of MINNESOTA

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 or autopsy; 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 is currently 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: We 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 families grieving the heartbreaking, sudden, and 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 families devastated by loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as:

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD (SUDC) AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be
affixed at the State Capitol this 29th day of February.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE