

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- 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:** SUDC is the 5th leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States and there is currently no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize the dedicated efforts of nonprofit organizations, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, and provide support for families grieving the 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 support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness and research of SUDC in the ongoing search for answers.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 2024** to be

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 29, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State