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Children represent the promise of a brighter tomorrow, and they are a source of pride and joy for their loved ones. In that light, the heartbreaking loss of a child is exacerbated when death comes without warning or discernible cause. Yet, as a result of Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC), children throughout the nation lose their lives with virtually no medical explanation.

In cases of SUDC, answers and closure often elude grieving families. If medical tests and autopsies do not produce a conclusive explanation, parents may spend the rest of their lives wrestling with painful questions stemming from this trauma. Furthermore, SUDC can stoke anxiety among all parents because there are no symptoms associated with it, and at present, SUDC cannot be prevented.

We know, however, that families need not face this extraordinary challenge alone, and accordingly, individuals, civic groups, and government entities support families who have been dealt this cruel fate. Moreover, scientists and researchers, supported by lawmakers at every level of government, diligently seek answers and prevention measures. By so doing, they hasten the day when no parent loses a child at the hands of SUDC.

Each year, the month of March is set aside to shed light on SUDC, to reflect upon the lives taken too soon, and to galvanize support for continued research. At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about SUDC and to express heartfelt sympathy for those who know all too well the pain this condition can cause. If we labor as one, we can protect families from Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood and ensure that every child has the opportunity to unlock his God-given potential.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2024 to be

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 1st day of March, 2024.


Governor of Texas