



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

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 525 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 fourth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States. 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 known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and
WHEREAS, continued research and awareness efforts are vital to uncovering the causes of SUDC and identifying ways to prevent these tragic losses in the future; 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 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, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, increase public awareness of SUDC, and the need for ongoing research efforts in search for answers.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 2025 to be


SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 28th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.


BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR


PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE