

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- 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 in children under the age of 5 - representing children 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, SUDC is the 4th leading cause of death among children ages 1 to 4, and at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause(s) is unknown, but it is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 18th day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five and in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.

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GOVERNOR

Michael G. Adams

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Secretary of State