

The State of New Hampshire

By Her Excellency

Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a tragic and devastating occurrence that claims the lives of otherwise healthy children over the age of 12 months, with no identified cause after thorough investigation; and,

WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States, yet it remains largely unrecognized and under-researched, leaving families searching for answers and support; and,

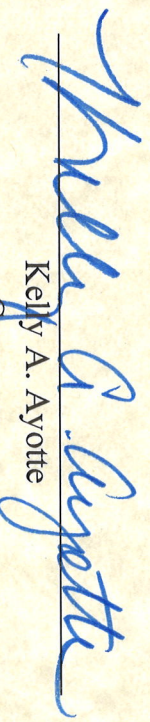
WHEREAS, increased awareness, education, and research are critical to better understanding SUDC, identifying risk factors, and preventing future tragedies, while providing much-needed resources and support to grieving families; and,

WHEREAS, advocacy groups, healthcare professionals, and researchers work tirelessly to raise awareness of SUDC, promote scientific investigation, and offer compassionate care and guidance to those impacted by this devastating loss; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire stands with families affected by SUDC and is committed to fostering understanding, advancing research, and offering support to help prevent future tragedies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELLY AYOTTE, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 2025** as **SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all citizens to learn more about SUDC, support affected families, and advocate for research and awareness to honor the memory of children lost to this condition.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2025.


Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

