

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children over the age of 12 months that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

Whereas, 14 Oklahoman children and 25 Oklahoman family members are directly affected by SUDC; and

Whereas, In Oklahoma, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Oklahoma Chapter, plays a vital role in educating families and medical professionals about SUDC, helping to foster greater understanding and awareness. However, continued education and outreach are essential to ensuring that more families, healthcare providers, and policymakers recognize the impact of SUDC; and

Whereas, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; 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;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as

“Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month”

in the State of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this twentieth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventeenth year.

J. Kevin Stitt

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Stitt

GOVERNOR