

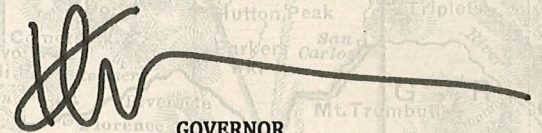
Proclamation

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, 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 fourth 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; 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 to prevent future deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN ARIZONA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

