

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

**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;

**WHEREAS:** Each year there are approximately 525 cases of SUDC in the United States including more than 200 young children between the ages of one and four;

**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;

**WHEREAS:** SUDC is the fourth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States;

**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, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS,** Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2025, as,

**"SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH"**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2025.



Attest:

*Cole Jester*

Cole Jester, Secretary of State

*Sarah Huckabee Sanders*

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor