



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, sudden unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages 1 of 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, SUDC is the fourth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States and there is currently no known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, 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

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim March 2025 as

**SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD  
AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut.



*Ned Lamont*

GOVERNOR