
State
of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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

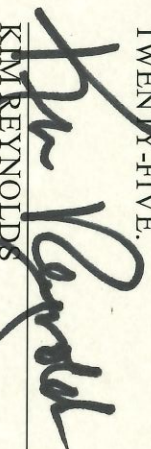
WHEREAS, there currently is no known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and **WHEREAS**, continued research and awareness efforts are vital to uncovering the causes of SUDC and identifying ways to prevent these tragic losses in the future; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim March 25th, 2025 as:


**Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood
Awareness Month**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED.
DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FIVE.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE