



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) refers to the sudden and unexplained death of a child between the ages of one and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation; and

WHEREAS: While less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is a serious health concern that deserves public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS: SUDC is the fourth leading category of death among children ages one to four in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS: There is no known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and

WHEREAS: Continued research and awareness efforts are vital to identifying and preventing the causes of SUDC; 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 families devastated by loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as:

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of February.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE