



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Children are among life's greatest gifts, and parents strive to ensure that their children remain healthy. Tragically, though, more than 500 children lose their lives each year due to sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC).

SUDC is a death of a child over the age of 12 months that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation and autopsy. Like sudden infant death syndrome, SUDC is a diagnosis of exclusion. The cause of SUDC is not definitively known, but current research has suggested certain plausible explanations and identified symptoms that correlate with SUDC. As the fifth most common cause of death in children ages one to four, SUDC remains a grave health concern for young families.

Each year, the month of March is set aside in order to raise awareness about sudden unexplained death in childhood and to search for ways to prevent these terrible losses. Medical professionals, death investigators, and volunteers work together to improve the health and safety of young Texans while providing hope to grieving families.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to educate themselves about sudden unexplained death in childhood and to support the families who have endured this tragedy.

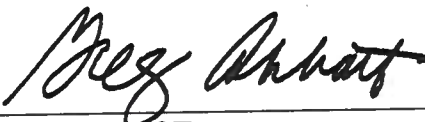
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2025 to be

## **Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month**



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 26th day of February, 2025.

  
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Governor of Texas