



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 to 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation and autopsy;

**Whereas**, each year there are approximately 400 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;

**Whereas**, SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States;

**Whereas**, there is currently no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown;

**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 affected by SUDC;

**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 the families and loved ones devastated by their loss and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare March 2025, as

## Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox  
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