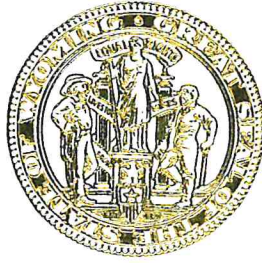# Governor's Proclamation

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children 12 months or older that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, each year there are approximately 450 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 5th leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States; and there currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown. It is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; 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
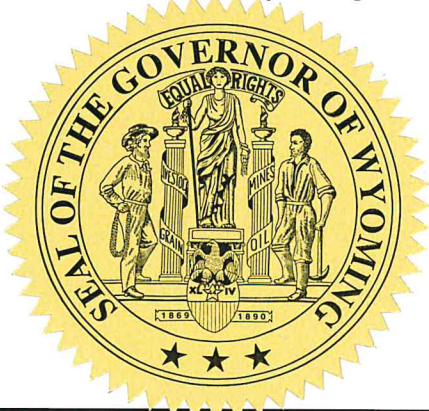
WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2025 to be

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month

in Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 28th day of February, 2025.

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming