



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of twelve months that remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including the review of the child's medical history; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, there are approximately 400 reported cases of SUDC in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death among children ages one to four. There is currently no way to prevent SUDC, as its cause is unknown; and
- WHEREAS:** Although less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern that deserves public awareness and research; and
- WHEREAS:** The SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers are working to understand the cause of SUDC, provide much needed support for grieving families, and improve the health of infants and children; and
- WHEREAS:** Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month brings much needed awareness to SUDC, so that one day we can identify the cause and develop a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF