



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 a category of death in children between the ages of one and eighteen that remains unexplained even after a thorough investigation and autopsy; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States, and among children ages one to four, SUDC is the fifth leading cause of death; and
- WHEREAS:** There is currently 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, and medico logical death investigators who are working to better understand 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 support for the families devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

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