



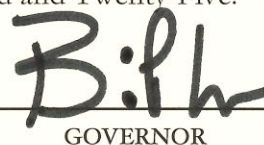
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

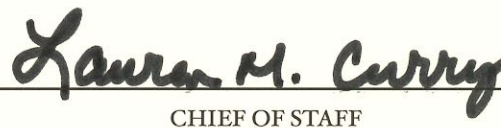
### SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year there are approximately 525 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:** Less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is the fourth leading category of death among children ages 1 to 4 in the United States and a concern deserving public awareness and research; and
- WHEREAS:** There currently is no known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and
- WHEREAS:** Continued research and awareness efforts are vital to uncovering the causes of SUDC and identifying ways to prevent these tragic losses in the future; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to 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, increase public awareness of SUDC, and the need for ongoing research efforts in search for answers; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2025 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF

