



Proclamation

Presented to

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Foundation

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and

WHEREAS, each year, there are more than 3,500 sudden unexpected infant deaths and over 200 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, at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its causes are not known but it is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and if and when risk factors are identified, such as prone sleep position for SIDS, then one might anticipate reduction in the risk of SUDC; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much needed hope and support for those families grieving from 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, encourage and support families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

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in Hawai'i and encourage all citizens of the Aloha State to learn more about Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood and join in the effort to support research to find the causes of these unfortunate occurrences.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this sixth day of March 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i