



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in children between the ages of 1 and 19, including more than 240 children under the age of 5; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is the 5th leading cause of death among toddlers, making it an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, presently, there is no way to prevent SUDC as there is no known cause, but it is hoped that future research will identify ways to prevent SUDC; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, and medical professionals and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC and to improve the health of infants and children; and

WHEREAS, we join these organizations and individuals in providing much needed hope and support for those families affected by SUDC;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

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in Hawai'i and ask the citizens of the Aloha State to learn more about Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood, honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, and show encouragement and support for the families who lost children to SUDC, and support research to find causes and identify preventive measures.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of February 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i