



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i provides statewide leadership in promoting safe sleep practices recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month in Hawai'i is observed in October to coincide with the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month, which is held to increase the public's awareness of the high rates of preventable infant deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 3,400 sudden unexpected infant deaths in the United States in 2018 with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) as the leading cause; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and other sleep-related deaths can be reduced by creating a safe sleep environment, such as a firm, flat sleep surface away from soft bedding, and by placing infants on their back to sleep alone in a safety approved crib; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i emphasizes the need for parents, grandparents, relatives, and childcare professionals to be educated on infant safe sleep practices to reduce infant mortality; and

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

## **"INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting the work of the agencies and organizations that strive to increase public awareness of SIDS and SUID and what can be done to ensure an infant's safe sleep.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of October 2020.

  
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**DAVID Y. IGE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i