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WHEREAS; Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of one and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

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WHEREAS; although the exact incidence rate of SUDC is unknown, the SUDC Foundation estimates that approximately 400 cases occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS; SUDC is most common in children aged one through four, and although it is 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; organizations, advocates, and healthcare providers in our state and across the country are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, to improve the health of infants and kids, and to provide much-needed hope and support for families grieving the heartbreaking sudden unexplained death of a child; and

WHEREAS; this Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins families throughout our state in honoring the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, showing encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and increasing public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

## SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

through at the Star of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison

this 21st day of February 2020.

By the ernor:

DOUCLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State