

WHEREAS; sudden unexplained death in childhood, or 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

WHEREAS; although the exact incidence of SUDC is unknown, the SUDC Foundation estimates that there are approximately 400 cases in the United States each year, including more than 200 younger children between the ages of one and four; and

WHEREAS; while it is less common than sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS; currently, there is no way to predict or prevent SUDC, as its cause is unknown, but it is hoped that future research will identify means by which it can be prevented; and

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

WHEREAS; this 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 spreading awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

## **SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State