

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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 may be less common than sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, which occurs before a child's 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 overall, and provide much-needed hope and support for families grieving the heartbreaking sudden unexplained death of a child; and

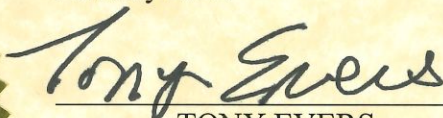
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins families throughout our state in honoring the memory of the young lives that ended too soon from SUDC, showing encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and spreading awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2022 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 18th day of
February 2022.



TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State