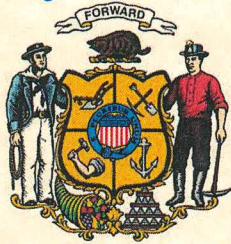


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months that remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the child's medical history; and

*WHEREAS*; each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States between the ages of one and 19 including more than 240 younger children under the age of 5 who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

*WHEREAS*; while less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the child's first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

*WHEREAS*; SUDC is the 5th leading cause of death among toddlers, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown, and future research could help identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and

*WHEREAS*; we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, and volunteers that are working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden unexplained death of a child; and

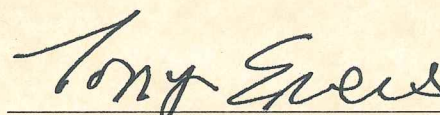
*WHEREAS*; SUDC Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

### SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.



TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State