

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



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

*WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children ages one to four in the United States, with approximately 400 cases of SUDC occurring in the United States annually, including more than 200 children between the ages of one and four; and*

*WHEREAS, there is currently no way to predict SUDC, as its causes are unknown, but it is hoped that future research will indemnify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much-needed support for those grieving their loss;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024*

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

in Montana to honor the memory of young lives that ended too soon, support the families devastated by the loss of a loved one, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.



**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor