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 occurring annually, including more than 200cases for children between the ages of one to four; and*

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

WHEREAS, *we recognize 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 March 2025*

SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to honor the memory of young lives that ended too soon.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor