Proclamation

Presented to the

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Foundation

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months; and

WHEREAS, each year, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States between the ages of 1 and 19, including more than 200 children under the age of 5, who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is the 5th leading cause of death among toddlers in the nation, and on average in the State of Hawai'i, a child died every 11 days in 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, as of now, SUDC is still unpredictable and unpreventable; 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;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN**, **Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood, honor the memory of young lives that ended too soon, advocate research to better understand and prevent these unpredictable and unpreventable tragedies, and support families affected by sudden unexpected or unexplained death in childhood.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2018.

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DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i