



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 3,700 infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, while the prevalence of Sudden Infant Deaths Syndrome (SIDS) has decreased by 50 percent over the last twenty years, it remains the leading cause of death in infants; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and other sleep-related deaths can be reduced by placing infants on their backs in a safety approved crib and following other guidelines for a safe environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i—a statewide coalition of state government departments, private organizations and advocates under the leadership of the Hawai'i State Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Branch and supported by Child & Family Service—promotes safe sleep practices recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i emphasizes the need for parents, grandparents, relatives and childcare professionals to be educated in infant sleep safety through programs, such as home visits, to share safe sleep tips and educational materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Family Service collaborates with Safe Sleep Hawai'i to improve the health and well-being of infants by providing educational materials and support services; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with National SIDS Awareness Month, Infant Safe Sleep Month helps to increase public awareness of preventable infant deaths;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as**

## **“INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the work of the organizations and agencies to educate all infant caregivers and potential caregivers on safety guidelines to prevent sudden infant deaths.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of September 2019.

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i