

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the unexpected, unexplainable death of children between the ages of 1 and 18; and

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

**WHEREAS**, SUDC is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause among children ages 1 to 4, and at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its cause(s) is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, while less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in infants, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

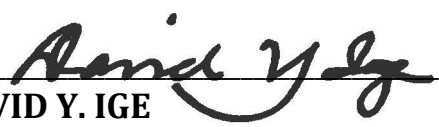
**WHEREAS**, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers that are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much needed hope and support for those families in grief;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in 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.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of February 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i