



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) refers to an indeterminable cause of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18, even after a thorough investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, SUDC is unpredictable and unpreventable as its cause is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States including more than 200 younger children between the ages of 1 and 4 who die without any clear cause or explanation, making SUDC the nation's 5<sup>th</sup> leading category of death among young children; and

**WHEREAS**, while less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

**WHEREAS**, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, volunteers and organizations such as the SUDC Foundation work to better understand SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support for grieving families who have lost children to SUDC;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon and help to increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of January 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i