



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i provides statewide leadership in preventing infant deaths through educating Parents, Caregivers, Teachers and Health Care providers on the Safe Sleep Practices following American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month in Hawai'i is observed in October to coincide with the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month, which is held to increase the public's awareness of the high rates of preventable infant deaths through educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, in 2020, of the 3,400 sudden infant deaths in the United States, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) was the leading cause of death in infants at 41 percent, 32 percent were classified as unknown causes, and twenty-seven percent were due to accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) and other sleep-related deaths can be reduced by placing infants to sleep in the following manner: alone, on their back, and in a safety approved crib; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Sleep Hawai'i emphasizes the need for parents, grandparents, relatives, and childcare professionals to be educated on infant safe sleep to reduce infant mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, Child & Family Service collaborates with the State of Hawai'i in Safe Sleep Hawai'i activities to improve the health and well-being of infants by providing educational materials and supportive services in communities statewide;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as**

## **"INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting the work of the agencies and organizations that strive to increase public awareness of SIDS and SUID and what can be done to ensure an infant's safe sleep.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of September 2022.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i