



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, promoting safe and healthy communities in Nevada requires broader understanding and awareness regarding harmful conditions that affect the welfare and quality of life of our state's citizens, particularly those who are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is the sudden and unexpected death of a child over the age of 12 months which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation is conducted, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and a review of the child's medical history; and

WHEREAS, each year, there are more than 4,600 sudden unexpected infant deaths and over 200 children between the ages of 1 and 4 who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, there is no way to prevent SUDC as its causes are not known, and it is hoped that ongoing research will identify methods by which SUDC can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has designated SUDC Awareness Week as an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, to show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones forever devastated by their loss, and to increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 2016, as

SUDC AWARENESS WEEK IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 10th day of March, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

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