



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of one and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, each year, there are approximately 500 cases of SUDC in the United States – including more than 200 younger children between the ages of one and four – who die without any clear cause or explanation; 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, SUDC is the fourth leading category of death among children ages one to four in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no known way to predict or prevent SUDC as its causes are unknown; and

WHEREAS, continued research and awareness efforts are vital to uncovering the causes of SUDC and identifying ways to prevent these tragic losses in the future and

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators and volunteers who 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 grieving the heartbreaking sudden, unexplained death of a child:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 2026, as

Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 2nd day of March 2026.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor