

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**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 review of the child's medical history; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, there are approximately 350 cases of SUDC in the United States between the ages of 1 and 19 - including more than 200 children under the age of 5 - 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,** the dedicated efforts of organizations such as the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, and volunteers working to better understand the causes of sudden unexplained death are critical to help 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; and

**WHEREAS,** Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show support for the families and loved ones who have suffered loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

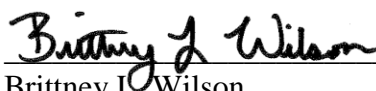
**SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN CHILDHOOD  
AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2018



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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs