



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is dedicated to the wellbeing of all children and recognizes that the future of young people is built on a quality foundation of early childhood experiences; and
- WHEREAS: Sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) are a subset of infant fatalities that occur suddenly and unexpectedly before age one from causes that are not immediately obvious, and a thorough investigation – including autopsy – is required to determine the cause and manner of SUID; and
- WHEREAS: Every year, approximately 50 babies in Minnesota die suddenly and unexpectedly, and most of these deaths happen in an unsafe sleep environment; and
- WHEREAS: These often-preventable deaths can affect any family regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, national origin, or religious belief; and
- WHEREAS: Anyone who takes care of babies, including parents, caregivers, childcare providers, health care providers, and family members, should follow safe sleep practices every time an infant sleeps or naps to help prevent SUID; and
- WHEREAS: Parents, families, childcare providers, and hospitals can engage in safe sleep practices by placing infants on their backs in a smoke-free environment in a safety-approved crib free of blankets, pillows, bumper pads, stuffed animals, and toys; and
- WHEREAS: Infant Safe Sleep Week provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, government entities, health care facilities, and coalitions to promote the awareness of safe sleep practices and ensure the safety of infants while they sleep or nap; and
- WHEREAS: No infant should die due to an unsafe sleep situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 17 – 23, 2024, as:

INFANT SAFE SLEEP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of November.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE