

STATE of MINNESOTA

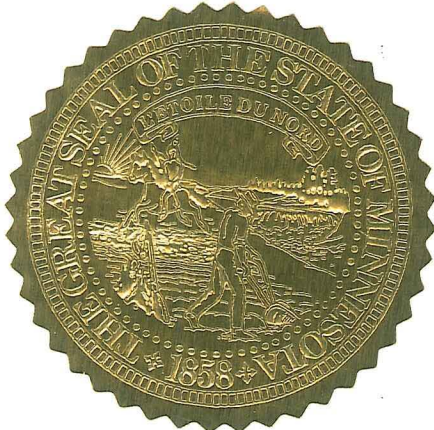
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is dedicated to the well-being of its children and recognizes that their future depends on the care and quality of their early childhood experiences; and
- WHEREAS: Sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) is a subset of infant fatalities that occur suddenly and unexpectedly before age one from causes that are not immediately obvious; and
- WHEREAS: A thorough investigation is required including an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of SUID; and
- WHEREAS: About 50 Minnesota babies die suddenly and unexpectedly every year, and most of these deaths happen in an unsafe sleep environment; and
- WHEREAS: These deaths, which can affect families regardless of race and ethnicity, socioeconomic background, national origin, and religious beliefs, can be prevented; and
- WHEREAS: Parents, families, child care providers, and hospitals can engage in safe sleep practices by placing infants on their backs in a safety-approved crib free of blankets, pillows, bumper pads, stuffed animals, and toys, that is located in a smoke-free environment; and
- WHEREAS: Safe sleep practices should be followed every time an infant sleeps or naps; 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 as they sleep because a single death is one too many.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 23-29, 2016, as:

INFANT SAFE SLEEP WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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 12th day of October.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR