



## 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: Every year, 50 or more 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 smoke-free environment in a safety-approved crib free of blankets, pillows, bumper pads, stuffed animals, and toys; 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 while they sleep; and
- WHEREAS: Any infant death due to an unsafe sleep situation is one too many.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 5-11, 2017, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE