

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID) are infant fatalities that occur suddenly and

unexpectedly before age one from causes that are not immediately apparent, requiring a thorough

investigation—including an autopsy—to determine the cause of SUID; and

WHEREAS: Every year, approximately 50 babies in Minnesota die suddenly and unexpectedly, with most of

these deaths occurring in unsafe sleep environments; and

WHEREAS: Everyone who cares for infants, 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: Safe sleep practices include placing infants on their backs in a safety-approved crib that meets U.S.

Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, free of blankets, pillows, bumper pads, stuffed

animals, and toys, and ensuring a smoke-free environment; and

WHEREAS: Infant Safe Sleep Week provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, health care

providers, and communities across Minnesota to promote awareness of safe sleep practices and

work together to ensure infants sleep safely; and

WHEREAS: No infant should die due to an unsafe sleep situation, and even one death it too many.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2025, 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 12th day of November.



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SECRETARY OF STATE