



Proclamation

WHEREAS: SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) REMAINS THE LARGEST SINGLE CAUSE OF DEATH IN INFANTS BETWEEN ONE WEEK AND ONE YEAR OF AGE; AND

WHEREAS: A SIDS DEATH, AT PRESENT, CANNOT BE PREDICTED OR PREVENTED; AND

WHEREAS: PARENTS AND CHILDREN WHO ARE LEFT TO DEAL WITH SHOCK, GRIEF AND GUILT THAT FOLLOW A SIDS DEATH ARE "VICTIMS" OF SIDS, AS WELL; AND

WHEREAS: THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION AND SUPPORT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO SIDS FAMILIES IN HELPING THEM TO COPE WITH THEIR LOSS; AND

WHEREAS: PROFESSIONALS WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH SIDS FAMILIES, SUCH AS PHYSICIANS, CLERGY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, CAN BETTER SERVE FAMILIES IF THEY HAVE SPECIAL TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SIDS; AND

WHEREAS: THE MINNESOTA SIDS CENTER, IN EXISTENCE SINCE OCTOBER 1976 HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO MORE THAN 800 FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND HAS PLAYED A COORDINATING ROLE AMONG THOSE PROFESSIONALS WHO BECAME INVOLVED WITH SIDS FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS: THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1982 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL SIDS MONTH BY THE NATIONAL SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME FOUNDATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1982 TO BE

S I D S A W A R E N E S S M O N T H

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FILED
AUG 31 1982

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