



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) is the sudden and unexpected death of an infant, birth to age 1 year, in which the manner and cause of death are not immediately obvious prior to investigation; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is a subset of SUID and remains the leading cause of infant death between the age of 28 days to 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of SUID can happen to any family, regardless of race, ethnicity or economic status; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based research has proven that when babies are placed in a crib alone, in the parents' room, on their backs, on a firm crib mattress with a fitted crib sheet – and in a smoke-free environment using no crib bumper pads, pillows, blankets, quilts or stuffed animals and toys – they will sleep safer with a reduced risk of SIDS and other causes of infant deaths; and

WHEREAS, Inland Northwest SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Services), Inc. is a statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing infant sleep education, bereavement support services, and community awareness about how to prevent sleep-related infant deaths; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the Inland Northwest SIDS Foundation, Inc. will hold special events including Run for the Angels and distribution of safe infant sleep educational pamphlets and SleepSacks for families in need, thereby providing the best opportunity for all babies in Idaho to survive and thrive;

NOW THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 to be

SAFE INFANT SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho in order to raise awareness about preventing sleep-related infant deaths and to encourage safe infant sleep practices so that no parent will have to endure the tragedy of sudden infant death.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE