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SCR-76 Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month. (2021-2022)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76

CHAPTER 46

Relative to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 76, Hurtado. Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

This measure would recognize March 2022 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Sudden unexplained death in childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between 1 and 18 years of age, inclusive, that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy; and

WHEREAS, Each year there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the United States, including more than 200 younger children between one and four years of age, inclusive, who die without any clear cause or explanation; and

WHEREAS, While less common than sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), which occurs before the first birthday, SUDC is an important health concern deserving of increased public awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, SUDC is the fifth leading category of death among children between one and four years of age, inclusive, in the United States; and

WHEREAS, There currently is no way to predict or prevent SUDC as its cause is unknown; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that future research will identify means by which SUDC can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the dedicated efforts of organizations, including the SUDC Foundation, medical professionals, medicolegal death investigators, and volunteers who are working to better understand the causes of SUDC, improve the health of infants and children, and provide much-needed hope and support for those families grieving the heartbreaking sudden, unexplained death of a child; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the memory of the young lives that ended too soon, show encouragement and support for the families and loved ones devastated by their loss, and increase public awareness of SUDC and the ongoing search for answers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes March 2022 as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.