

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Kansas' rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is among the top three causes of infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the infant mortality rate is a basic indicator for population health, primarily pointing at the quality of perinatal and infant care; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the infant deaths in Kansas can be attributed to sleep related deaths and SIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas legislature is greatly concerned about infant mortality and the devastating impact on Kansas families; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of SIDS occurs on all socio-economic levels and ethnicities, although the rate of SIDS is higher for African American infants; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that SIDS and sleep related deaths can be reduced by placing infants to sleep alone on their backs in a safety approved crib; and

WHEREAS, following the ABCs of safe sleep (Alone, on the Back, and in a Crib) can help parents and caregivers ensure the safety and survival of their infants; and

WHEREAS, SIDS Awareness Month will raise awareness and promote the ABCs of safe sleep throughout the state to spare families the tragedy of Sudden Infant Death:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October of 2011, as

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month

in Kansas and urge all Kansas citizens to become more aware of this devastating syndrome, promote the ABCs of safe sleep, and to lend their courage, caring and support to all the families who have experienced the tragedy of Sudden Infant Death.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 22nd day of
September, A.D. 2011

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Sam Brownback in blue ink.

Kris W. Kobach
Secretary of State

Bryan A. Caspey
Assistant Secretary of State

