

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) is heartbreaking, and can happen in any family regardless of income, education, or community; and

WHEREAS, SUID is one of the leading causes of death in infants and is often associated with preventable unsafe infant sleep practices and environments; and

WHEREAS, Local and national agencies such as Children's Home Society, Florida Department of Health in Polk County, Healthy Start Coalition, Safe Kids Suncoast Coalition and their partnering agencies educate Polk County residents on safe sleep practices; and

WHEREAS, Polk County recognizes that infant unsafe sleeping is a public health issue across the county, and together we can help by ensuring any person caring for a baby is using safe sleep practices;

Therefore, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of **October 2024** as:

Safe Sleep Awareness Month



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