



# *Proclamation*

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## **In Recognition of Infant Safe Sleep Month**

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month in Hawai'i is observed in October to coincide with the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month, which is held to increase the public's awareness of the high rates of preventable infant deaths through education and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month calls attention to Sudden Death Syndrome (SIDS), which is the sudden death of an infant under the age of one (1), and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), which is the sudden and unexpected death of an infant in which the manner and cause of death can be caused by metabolic disorders, hypothermia or hyperthermia, neglect or homicide, poisoning, or accidental suffocation; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month raises awareness that, in 2004, about 4,600 infants in the United States died suddenly of no immediate or obvious cause, and nearly half of these SUIDs were attributed to SIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month reminds us that research has shown that SIDS, SUID, and other sleep related deaths can be reduced by placing infants to sleep on their backs in a safety approved crib along with a safe environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month encourages parents, grandparents, relatives, and childcare providers to seek education on the importance of infant sleep safety; programs such as home visiting services to families with infants will provide safe sleep tips and education materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Infant Safe Sleep Month raises awareness about the State of Hawai'i's commitment, in collaboration with Safe Sleep Hawai'i, to improving the health and well-being of infants by providing education materials and supportive services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

## **"INFANT SAFE SLEEP MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask our communities to join us in promoting safe sleeping environments for infants and lending their courage, care and support to all families who have experience the tragic loss of a child because of SIDS or SUID.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of September, 2013.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i