

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Designating May 6 - 12, 1991, as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week."

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), also known as "crib death," is the number one cause of death in infants after the first week of life; and

**WHEREAS** approximately 6,000 - 7,000 infants die as a result of SIDS every year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** these deaths are unpredictable because SIDS is not contagious, is not considered hereditary, and many of its victims display no observable symptoms before their deaths; and

**WHEREAS** no single test has been discovered to identify which infants will succumb to SIDS so there is no general means of preventing these deaths; and

**WHEREAS** SIDS occurs among families of all social and economic strata; and

**WHEREAS** the legislature wishes to acknowledge the tragedy of SIDS deaths and foster increased understanding of the trauma experienced by parents of the affected infants;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of May 6 - 12, 1991, as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week, and urges schools, health care

providers, community organizations, state agencies, and other individuals and groups to undertake appropriate activities to educate persons in the state about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.