NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK Dayton, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15th as INFANT SAFE SLEEP WEEK.

Any infant death due to an unsafe sleep situation is one too many.

WHEREAS, the time for change must come. Educators, care givers, and elected officials have a responsibility to understand the science of infant sleep and to educate the public on the need to use sleep safe products.

WHEREAS, sleep safe products are available on the market.

WHEREAS, pillow's, bumper pads, sheets, mattress pads, and toys should not be placed in the infant's crib.

WHEREAS, a safe sleep environment can be promoted and enjoyed.

WHEREAS, there are a number of proven methods to prevent SIDS, such as sleep position, and proper warming of the newborn.

WHEREAS, every year more parents choose to follow these methods.

WHEREAS, it is time for more people to understand the importance of safe sleep and to implement new practices.

WHEREAS, a thorough investigation is required, including an thorough review of the cause and manner of death.

WHEREAS, the time for investigation is required, in the wake of deaths of children, and the need for new policies and practices.

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Proclamation of Minnesota