



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to helping our families and youth reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's research indicates that there are approximately 3,500 sleep-related deaths among babies every year; and

WHEREAS, since suffocation is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for infants in Florida under the age of one, safe sleeping environments are critical; and

WHEREAS, unexpected infant deaths can be prevented by implementing safe sleep practices, including placing the baby alone on his or her back in a crib in the parent's room for the first year of life; and

WHEREAS, additional safety tips include using a firm sleeping surface with only a fitted sheet, removing all soft objects, and prohibiting smoking around babies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing October 2019 as *Safe Sleep Awareness Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of October, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor