



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, it is important to create a safe sleep environment for infants, especially since suffocation is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for Florida infants under the age of one; and

**WHEREAS**, sudden and unexpected infant death due to unsafe sleep environments can happen in any family regardless of income, ethnicity, education, and community in which they live; and

**WHEREAS**, infant death due to unsafe sleep environments can often be prevented by practicing safe sleep practices; and

**WHEREAS**, some safe sleep practices include always placing your baby on his or her back for all sleep times, using a firm sleep surface, covering the mattress only by a fitted sheet, keeping soft objects out of your baby's sleep area, having the baby share your room, not your bed, for the first year of life, not letting your baby sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, or on a chair alone, and prohibiting smoking around your baby;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing October 2018 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 27th day of September, in the year two thousand eighteen.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

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Governor