



*WHEREAS, hundreds of infants die each year because they are placed in unsafe sleeping environments; and,*

*WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) occurs in children one year of age or under, and is the unexpected, sudden death of an infant with no explainable cause of death; and,*

*WHEREAS, the tragedy of SIDS can happen to any family, regardless of race, ethnic or economic group; and,*

*WHEREAS, adult beds, waterbeds, couches, chairs, pillows, quilts and other soft surfaces are not appropriate or safe for sleeping infants; and,*

*WHEREAS, babies sleep safest when sleeping alone, on their backs, in a bassinet or crib with a firm mattress and tightly fitted sheets that is free of pillows, bumpers, blankets and other items; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois law requires hospitals to provide education and materials regarding SIDS prevention and safe sleep practices to parents of newborns; and,*

*WHEREAS, during the month of October, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Sudden Infant Death Services of Illinois, Inc., the Illinois Department of Public Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Illinois Hospital Association, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and other community partners, we raise awareness of the important steps parents can take to ensure the safety of their infant children while sleeping; and,*

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as **INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois in order to raise awareness about sudden unexplained infant death and to encourage infant safe sleep practices so that no parent will have to endure the tragedy of infant death.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,*  
*this THIRTIETH day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*  
*THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois*  
*the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR