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***City Hall to Shine Blue and Gold***

*Westfield-* At its meeting on February 1, 2024, the City Council voted to approve a resident's petition to proclaim March as "Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Month" in the City of Westfield. In an effort to help raise awareness of SUDC, Mayor McCabe released an official proclamation and has announced that City Hall will be lit up in the SUDC Foundation's designated colors of blue and gold from Friday, March 1, through Thursday, March 13.

According to the foundation's website, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after thorough investigation, including an autopsy. Less common than Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) which occurs before the first birthday, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the US each year. More than 200 of these deaths occur in children between the ages of 1 and 4 making it the fifth leading cause of death in this country for children of that age. There is currently no known cause of SUDC, or any markers that could predict it.

For more information on SUDC, please visit [www.sudc.org](http://www.sudc.org).