

Proclamation

Know all citizens by these presents that:

Whereas, the City of Chesapeake is dedicated to the health and well-being of its youngest citizens; and

Whereas, unsafe sleep is the number one cause of death among infants one month to one year of age; and

Whereas, far too many babies in our city are dying due to unsafe sleep; and

Whereas, this tragic loss of life can happen to any family, regardless of race, ethnicity or economic status; and

Whereas, deaths from unsafe sleep are 100% preventable by following the ABC's of Safe Sleep as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics – Infants sleep alone, on their back, in a crib; and

Whereas, through the regional "Sleeptight Hampton Roads" initiative, organizations have come together to address this issue; and

Whereas, as a community, through education and safe sleep practices, we can save innocent lives.

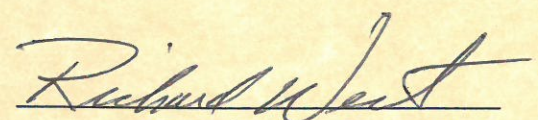
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Richard W. West, Mayor of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, do hereby proclaim September as

Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month

in the City of Chesapeake, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Chesapeake to be affixed hereto this first day of September in the year of our Lord, Two thousand eighteen.




Dr. Richard W. West, Mayor