

Resolution
to
Promote Safe Sleeping in the State of Tennessee

Whereas, the Center for Disease Control reports that infant mortality deaths in the United States is 6.1/1000 live births, with the Tennessee rate being 7.9/1000 live births (2009).

Whereas, the Tennessee Division of Health Statistics reported 626 infant deaths in 2010, of which 131 were sleep (non SIDS) related deaths.

Whereas, the Tennessee Division of Health Statistics reported a two fold increase in sleep related deaths (61 to 131 deaths) from 2005-2010, while the overall number of deaths decreased, (718 to 626) in the same time period.

Whereas, the Tennessee Pregnancy Risk Assessment Survey (PRAMS 2009) reported that 34% of parents do not place their child on their back to sleep.

Whereas, PRAMS 2009 reported than only 30% of respondents stated their infant “always slept alone”.

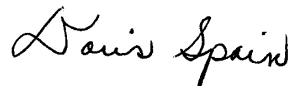
Whereas, the odds ratio of a sleep related death, if placed prone (facedown) is 2-13x higher than if placed on the back. (American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on SIDS, 2011)

Whereas, the Tennessee Child Fatality Review 2009, found the majority of sleep related deaths were due to sleeping in a non-crib situation (82%), co-sleeping with an adult (60%), not on back to sleep (45%), unsafe bedding or clothes (25%).

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to members of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Commission of Health and Education, hospitals in Tennessee and the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities to apprise the aforementioned groups of the dangers of co-sleeping and the risk of infant deaths, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Association.



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