

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2013 AS "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF
3 NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, cancer is the second-leading cause of death
6 among children; and

7 WHEREAS, in every week of 2012, at least one child in
8 New Mexico was diagnosed with cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was
10 established in 1972 to help New Mexico's children with cancer
11 and their families cope with the day-to-day emotional and
12 financial needs of living with and fighting cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
14 benefits New Mexico's children and their families; and

15 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families
16 by providing them with assistance for transportation costs to
17 and from a clinic or hospital in the form of gasoline and
18 transportation vouchers as well as food and grocery vouchers
19 to help parents feed their families during lengthy stays at
20 the clinic or hospital; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
22 provides emergency assistance with day-to-day living expenses
23 for families that are facing overwhelming financial burdens
24 because of their children's cancer diagnoses; and

25 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico helps

1 to minimize the trauma of painful treatments and procedures
2 by providing toys and bravery awards to children receiving
3 treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
5 provides scholarship assistance to students who have been
6 treated for childhood cancer in New Mexico and who wish to
7 continue their education beyond high school; and

8 WHEREAS, in the 2012-2013 academic year, thirty students
9 were awarded Erin Trujeque memorial scholarships through the
10 children's cancer fund of New Mexico, helping them to achieve
11 their dreams; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
13 provides end-of-life hospice and funeral assistance to
14 families in need; and

15 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico will
16 assist over one thousand persons this year, extending a
17 helping hand to all children being treated for cancer in
18 New Mexico and their families;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of
21 New Mexico be recognized for making a difference in the lives
22 of families facing childhood cancer and that January 30, 2013
23 be declared "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the
24 senate; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.