

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND  
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2016 AS "CHILDREN'S  
4 CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES.

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7 WHEREAS, cancer remains the second leading cause of  
8 death among children; and

9 WHEREAS, forty-four children were diagnosed with cancer  
10 in New Mexico in 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2015, four New Mexico children lost their  
12 lives as a result of cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico exists  
14 to help New Mexico's children and their families cope with  
15 the day-to-day emotional, educational and financial needs of  
16 living with and fighting cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout the  
18 cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
19 supports New Mexico families by providing for basic needs to  
20 assure that children with cancer receive the best possible  
21 treatment for pediatric cancers; and

22 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
23 provides emergency assistance to families who are facing  
24 overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood cancer  
25 diagnosis; and

1           WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico works  
2 closely with New Mexico's pediatric oncology professionals to  
3 determine and fill the needs of children and families facing  
4 pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

5           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico pediatric  
6 hematology/oncology program is the premier childhood cancer  
7 facility in the state; and

8           WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico awards  
9 the Erin Trujeque memorial scholarship to students who have  
10 been diagnosed with, and undergone treatment for, childhood  
11 cancer in New Mexico and who wish to continue their education  
12 beyond high school, helping them to achieve their dreams; and

13           WHEREAS, for the 2015-2016 academic year, the children's  
14 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to thirty-  
15 six students, thirty-four of whom are attending New Mexico  
16 colleges and universities; and

17           WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
18 provides hospice care and funeral assistance for families in  
19 need; and

20           WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has  
21 served New Mexico's children with cancer and their families  
22 for forty-three years;

23           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29,  
25 2016 be declared "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day"

1 in the house of representatives; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.

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