

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 SENATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2016 be declared  
24 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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

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