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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE VALUABLE MISSION OF THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, cancer remains the second-leading cause of death among children, after accidents; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five children were diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has existed for forty-eight years to help New Mexico's children and their families cope with the day-to-day emotional, educational and financial needs of living with and fighting cancer; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico children's hospital is New Mexico's premiere pediatric hematology and oncology facility; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and the pediatric hematology and oncology program at the university of New Mexico children's hospital work closely together to determine and fill the needs of children and families facing pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout their cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico supports New Mexico families by providing them with basic

1 needs to ensure that children with cancer receive the best
2 possible treatment for pediatric cancers; and

3 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
4 provided assistance to over three hundred fifty families in
5 2019 by providing emergency assistance to families facing
6 overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood cancer
7 diagnosis; and

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico's
9 bravery award program provides prizes in the form of toys and
10 gift cards to help minimize the trauma of painful procedures
11 and treatments related to pediatric cancer; and

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

17 WHEREAS, for the 2019-2020 academic year, the children's
18 cancer fund of New Mexico awarded scholarships to forty-three
19 students, thirty-five of whom are attending New Mexico
20 colleges and universities; and

21 WHEREAS, for the fall 2019 semester, the grade point
22 average of scholarship recipients was 3.5; and

23 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
24 provides end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance to
25 families in need and opened Erin's place in 2017, providing a

1 home-like atmosphere for children whose homes are outside of
2 Albuquerque and who require hospice and palliative care; and

3 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and
4 the university of New Mexico children's hospital's pediatric
5 hematology and oncology program are grateful for the support
6 of the state and its legislative bodies;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of
9 New Mexico be recognized and honored for carrying out its
10 valuable mission; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the executive director of the children's cancer
13 fund of New Mexico. _____

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