

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS
3 TO CANCER RESEARCH IN NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING MARCH 10, 2023
4 "COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research was established in
7 1982 and is the largest cancer research fundraiser in
8 New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, the money raised by cowboys for cancer research
10 stays in New Mexico and is used for cancer research projects
11 in the state; and

12 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research started as a humble
13 team roping fundraiser in Las Cruces that honored
14 Alma Cohorn, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, whose life
15 had tragically been taken by this awful disease in 1981; and

16 WHEREAS, the Alma Cohorn memorial/cowboys for cancer
17 research endowment was established in 1999 to support cancer
18 research at the university of New Mexico comprehensive
19 cancer center, which is the only national cancer institute-
20 designated cancer center in a five-hundred-mile radius; and

21 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has made donations
22 to the university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center
23 for more than forty years, and one hundred percent of the
24 money that has been donated has gone toward cancer research;
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1 WHEREAS, the cowboys for cancer research endowed fund
2 was established in 2011 to support cancer research and
3 community outreach projects at New Mexico state university;
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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university partners with the
6 university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center and the
7 Fred Hutchinson cancer center to conduct cutting-edge cancer
8 research; and

9 WHEREAS, the two endowment funds are worth a total of
10 five million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000); and

11 WHEREAS, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun, co-executive
12 directors of cowboys for cancer research, have been involved
13 in the charitable efforts at cowboys for cancer research
14 since its inception, and they continue to contribute their
15 resources and knowledge in the hope of finding a cure for
16 cancer;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cowboys for cancer research be
19 recognized for the contributions that it has made to cancer
20 research in New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 10, 2023 be declared
22 "Cowboys for Cancer Research Day" in the senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to cowboys for cancer research. _____