

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND  
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2023 "CHILDREN'S  
4 CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

8 WHEREAS, in 2022, sixty-nine children in New Mexico were  
9 diagnosed with cancer and nine children have already been  
10 diagnosed in 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was  
12 established in 1972, and for the past fifty years, the fund  
13 has helped New Mexico's children with cancer and their  
14 families cope with the day-to-day emotional and financial  
15 needs of living with, and fighting, cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, the only pediatric oncology treatment  
17 facilities in New Mexico are in Albuquerque, making it  
18 necessary for families to travel from fifteen different  
19 counties to access cancer treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico is a  
21 local agency benefiting New Mexico's children and their  
22 families; and

23 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
24 maintains a direct presence at the university of New Mexico  
25 pediatric oncology clinic, offering financial and emotional

1 support to families; and

2 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families  
3 by providing them with assistance for transportation costs to  
4 and from the clinic with gasoline and transportation vouchers  
5 as well as providing them with food and grocery vouchers to  
6 help parents feed their families during lengthy stays at the  
7 clinic or hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
9 provides emergency assistance with day-to-day living expenses  
10 for families who are facing overwhelming financial burdens  
11 because of their children's cancer diagnosis; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico helps  
13 to minimize the trauma of painful treatments and procedures  
14 by providing toys and bravery awards to children receiving  
15 treatment; and

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

20 WHEREAS, in the 2022-2023 academic year, thirty-two  
21 students were awarded Erin Trujeque memorial scholarships  
22 through the children's cancer fund of New Mexico, helping  
23 them to achieve their dreams; and

24 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
25 provides end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance to

1 families in need; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of  
8 New Mexico be recognized for making a difference in the lives  
9 of families facing childhood cancer; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 1, 2023 be declared  
11 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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

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