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SENATE MEMORIAL 14  
**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the only pediatric oncology treatment facilities

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1 in New Mexico are in Albuquerque, making it necessary for  
2 families to travel from fifteen different counties to access  
3 cancer treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico is a  
5 local agency benefiting New Mexico's children and their  
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
8 maintains a direct presence at the university of New Mexico  
9 pediatric oncology clinic, offering financial and emotional  
10 support to families; and

11 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families by  
12 providing them with assistance for transportation costs to and  
13 from the clinic with gasoline and transportation vouchers as  
14 well as providing them with food and grocery vouchers to help  
15 parents feed their families during lengthy stays at the clinic  
16 or hospital; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico helps to  
22 minimize the trauma of painful treatments and procedures by  
23 providing toys and bravery awards to children receiving  
24 treatment; and

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

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1 scholarship assistance to students who have been treated for  
2 childhood cancer in New Mexico and wish to continue their  
3 education beyond high school; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides  
9 end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance to families in  
10 need; and

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

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

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the executive director of the children's cancer  
23 fund of New Mexico.

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