

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S  
3 FOUNDATION IN SERVING THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EDUCATIONAL AND  
4 SOCIAL NEEDS OF NEW MEXICO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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6 WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico are blessed to live in  
7 this great state, which ranks in the top tier of states in  
8 terms of the beauty of its landscapes, the richness of its  
9 cultures and the natural resources of its land; and

10 WHEREAS, too many of New Mexico's youngest residents do  
11 not have the opportunity to live safe and healthy lives with  
12 bright futures; and

13 WHEREAS, when it comes to caring for children,  
14 New Mexico ranks forty-ninth compared to other states in many  
15 indicators; and

16 WHEREAS, former first lady Alice King, wife of former  
17 governor Bruce King, created the New Mexico children's  
18 foundation in 1992 because of her determination and dedication  
19 to support and nurture New Mexico's children; and

20 WHEREAS, the mission of the New Mexico children's  
21 foundation is to support small programs statewide that serve  
22 the physical, mental, educational and social needs of children  
23 and their families in order to improve the lives of New Mexico  
24 children and their families; and

25 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation is

1 beginning its twenty-first year as a visionary,  
2 community-focused organization that provides meaningful  
3 grants to nonprofit children's organizations throughout  
4 New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation has  
6 contributed over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in small  
7 grants to more than one hundred sixty nonprofit organizations  
8 across the state, in communities ranging from Bloomfield to  
9 Hobbs, Raton to Silver City and including cities and towns  
10 such as Las Cruces, Roswell, Ruidoso, Ojo Sarco, Taos, Las  
11 Vegas, Albuquerque and Santa Fe; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation's grants  
13 have supported programs that deal with: suicide prevention;  
14 support for families and children who are grieving the loss  
15 of a loved one; court-appointed special advocates who  
16 represent children in foster care; summer camps for children  
17 on whose lives HIV-AIDS has had an impact; and summer  
18 programs in rural communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation provides  
20 grants for basic necessities such as shoes, back-to-school  
21 supplies and emergency shelter for children and families,  
22 after-school programs that provide a safe and nurturing  
23 environment, science programs that complement school  
24 programs, libraries in rural areas, literacy programs for  
25 children and families and many more programs that enrich the

1 lives of children and families; and

2 WHEREAS, the board of directors of the New Mexico  
3 children's foundation works tirelessly to raise money through  
4 special events such as "100 women making a difference", golf  
5 tournaments and direct appeals; and

6 WHEREAS, eighty-four percent of all of the money raised  
7 by the New Mexico children's foundation is used for making  
8 grants;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico children's foundation  
11 be recognized for its extensive efforts to serve the  
12 physical, mental, educational and social needs of New Mexico  
13 children and their families; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the New Mexico children's foundation.                     

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