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SENATE MEMORIAL 13

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2013 AS "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 every week of 2012, at least one child in New Mexico was diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was established in 1972 to help 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 children's cancer fund of New Mexico benefits New Mexico's children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families by providing them with assistance for transportation costs to and

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1 from a clinic or hospital in the form of gasoline and
2 transportation vouchers as well as food and grocery vouchers to
3 help parents feed their families during lengthy stays at the
4 clinic or hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
6 emergency assistance with day-to-day living expenses for
7 families that are facing overwhelming financial burdens because
8 of their children's cancer diagnoses; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, in the 2012-2013 academic year, thirty students
18 were awarded Erin Trujeque memorial scholarships through the
19 children's cancer fund of New Mexico, helping them to achieve
20 their dreams; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
22 end-of-life hospice and funeral assistance to families in need;
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24 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico will
25 assist over one thousand persons this year, extending a helping

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1 hand to all children being treated for cancer in New Mexico and
2 their families;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of New Mexico be
5 recognized for making a difference in the lives of families
6 facing childhood cancer and that January 30, 2013 be declared
7 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.