

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER
3 FUND OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AS
4 "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

8 WHEREAS, forty children were diagnosed with cancer in
9 New Mexico in 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2014, six New Mexico children lost their
11 lives as a result of cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
13 exists to help New Mexico's children and their families cope
14 with the day-to-day emotional, educational and financial
15 needs of living with and fighting cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout
17 their cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New
18 Mexico supports New Mexico families by providing for basic
19 needs to assure that children with cancer receive the best
20 possible treatment for pediatric cancers; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
22 provides emergency assistance to families who are facing
23 overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood cancer
24 diagnosis; and

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

1 closely with New Mexico's pediatric oncology professionals
2 to determine and fill the needs of children and families
3 facing pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

4 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico's
5 bravery award program provides prizes in the form of toys
6 and gift cards to help minimize the trauma of painful
7 procedures and treatments related to pediatric cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
9 awards the Erin Trujeque memorial scholarship to students
10 who have been diagnosed with, and undergone treatment for,
11 childhood cancer in New Mexico and who wish to continue
12 their education beyond high school, helping them to achieve
13 their dreams; and

14 WHEREAS, for the 2014-2015 academic year, the
15 children's cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded
16 scholarships to
17 twenty-five students, twenty-three of whom are attending
18 New Mexico colleges and universities; and

19 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
20 provides end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance for
21 families in need; and

22 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has
23 served New Mexico's children with cancer and their families
24 for forty-two years;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18, 2015 be declared
2 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.

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