

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2017 AS "CHILDREN'S
4 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, after accidents; and

8 WHEREAS, fifty-seven children were diagnosed with cancer
9 in New Mexico in 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2016, nine New Mexico children lost their
11 lives as a result of cancer; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico works
17 closely with New Mexico's premier pediatric oncology program
18 at the university of New Mexico's children's hospital to
19 determine and fill the needs of children and families facing
20 pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

21 WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout the
22 cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
23 supports New Mexico families by providing for basic needs to
24 ensure that children with cancer receive the best possible
25 treatment for pediatric cancers; and

1 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
2 provides emergency assistance to families who are facing
3 overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood cancer
4 diagnosis; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, for the 2016-2017 academic year, the children's
15 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to
16 twenty-five students, twenty-three of whom are attending
17 New Mexico colleges and universities; and

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of

1 New Mexico be recognized for making a difference in the lives
2 of families facing childhood cancer; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 25, 2017 be declared
4 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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

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