

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2017 "NEW MEXICO CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE AND CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION'S
4 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico residents are blessed to live in a
7 state that ranks in the top tier for the beauty of its
8 landscapes, the richness of its culture and the natural
9 resources of its lands; 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, the New Mexico children's foundation strives to
14 improve the lives of children; and

15 WHEREAS, former first lady Alice King, wife of former
16 Governor Bruce King, created the New Mexico children's
17 foundation in 1992 because of her unfailing resolve to
18 support and nurture New Mexico's children; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation is
25 celebrating its twenty-fifth year as a visionary, nonprofit,

1 grassroots organization that provides meaningful grants to
2 nonprofit children's organizations throughout New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation has
4 contributed over one million five hundred thousand dollars
5 (\$1,500,000) in small grants to more than one hundred fifty
6 nonprofit organizations throughout the state; and

7 WHEREAS, the foundation's grants have supported programs
8 that deal with suicide prevention; support for families and
9 children who are grieving the loss of a loved one;
10 court-appointed special advocates who represent children in
11 foster care; summer camps for children impacted by human
12 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency
13 syndrome; and summer programs for rural communities; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico children's foundation provides
15 basic necessities such as shoes; back-to-school supplies;
16 emergency shelter for children and families; after-school
17 programs that provide a safe and nurturing environment;
18 science programs that complement school programs; libraries
19 in rural areas; literacy programs for children and families;
20 and many other programs that enrich the lives of children and
21 their families; and

22 WHEREAS, the board of directors of the New Mexico
23 children's foundation works tirelessly to raise money through
24 private donations and special events;

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

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico children's foundation
2 be recognized on its twenty-fifth anniversary for its
3 tireless efforts on behalf of the children and families of
4 New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 31, 2017 be declared
6 "New Mexico Children's Foundation Day" in the senate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the board chair of the New Mexico children's
9 foundation.

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