

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND TO  
3 THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN NEW MEXICO; DECLARING  
4 JANUARY 26, 2018 "CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES.

6 WHEREAS, in 1986, the children's trust fund was created  
7 in New Mexico state statute; and

8 WHEREAS, from the beginning, the intent of the  
9 legislature was that the fund be a statewide resource to  
10 advocate for, and educate about, the prevention of child  
11 abuse and neglect; and

12 WHEREAS, the fund also provides the means to develop  
13 innovative children's projects and programs that address one  
14 or more of the following:

- 15 A. preventing abuse and neglect of children;  
16 B. providing medical, psychological and other  
17 appropriate treatment for children who are victims of abuse  
18 or neglect; and  
19 C. developing community-based services aimed at  
20 the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's trust fund is governed by a  
22 thirteen-member appointed board of trustees, but only five  
23 active trustees are currently serving; and

24 WHEREAS, the children's trust fund is administered by  
25 the children, youth and families department; and

1           WHEREAS, the children's trust fund provides financial  
2 support to several community-based agencies that run programs  
3 to help prevent child abuse; and

4           WHEREAS, some of the available funds go unused each year  
5 because of a lack of awareness of available fund resources;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, the children's trust fund board of trustees and  
8 the children, youth and families department would like for  
9 all available funds to be spent annually to help children;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, the children's trust fund board of trustees and  
12 the children, youth and families department staff are working  
13 diligently to increase awareness of the children's trust  
14 fund;

15           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the critical  
17 work of children, youth and families department staff and the  
18 children's trust fund board of trustees on behalf of New  
19 Mexico children be recognized; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 26, 2018 be declared  
21 "Children's Trust Fund Day" in the house of representatives;  
22 and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families  
25 and the board of trustees of the children's trust fund. \_\_\_\_\_