

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 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, forty-eight children were diagnosed with cancer
9 in New Mexico in 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2017, sixteen New Mexico children lost their
11 lives as a result of cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has
13 existed for forty-six years to help New Mexico's children and
14 their families cope with the day-to-day emotional,
15 educational and financial needs of living with and fighting
16 cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico children's
18 hospital is New Mexico's premier pediatric hematology and
19 oncology facility; and

20 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and
21 the pediatric oncology program at the university of
22 New Mexico children's hospital work closely to determine and
23 fill the needs of children and families facing pediatric
24 cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

25 WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout the

1 cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
2 supports New Mexico families by providing for basic needs to
3 ensure that children with cancer receive the best possible
4 treatment for pediatric cancers; and

5 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
6 provided assistance in 2017 to more than three hundred fifty
7 families who faced overwhelming financial burdens because of
8 a childhood cancer diagnosis; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, for the 2017-2018 academic year, the children's
19 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to
20 thirty-five students, thirty-three of whom are attending
21 New Mexico colleges and universities; and

22 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
23 provides end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance for
24 families in need and, in 2017, opened Erin's place, which
25 provides a home-like atmosphere for children whose homes are

1 outside of Albuquerque and who require hospice and palliative
2 care; and

3 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and
4 the university of New Mexico children's hospital pediatric
5 oncology program are grateful for the support of New Mexico
6 residents and the legislature;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of
9 New Mexico be recognized for making a difference in the lives
10 of families facing childhood cancer; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 29, 2018 be declared
12 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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

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