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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE VALUABLE MISSION OF THE CHILDREN'S
CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, cancer remains the second-leading cause of death
among children, after accidents; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five children were diagnosed with cancer in
New Mexico in 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico children's hospital
is New Mexico's premiere pediatric hematology and oncology
facility; and

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1 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and the
2 pediatric hematology and oncology program at the university of
3 New Mexico children's hospital work closely together to
4 determine and fill the needs of children and families facing
5 pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

6 WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout their
7 cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
8 supports New Mexico families by providing them with basic needs
9 to ensure that children with cancer receive the best possible
10 treatment for pediatric cancers; and

11 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provided
12 assistance to over three hundred fifty families in 2019 by
13 providing emergency assistance to families facing overwhelming
14 financial burdens because of a childhood cancer diagnosis; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, for the 2019-2020 academic year, the children's
25 cancer fund of New Mexico awarded scholarships to forty-three

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1 students, thirty-five of whom are attending New Mexico colleges
2 and universities; and

3 WHEREAS, for the fall 2019 semester, the grade point
4 average of scholarship recipients was 3.5; and

5 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
6 end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance to families in
7 need and opened Erin's place in 2017, providing a home-like
8 atmosphere for children whose homes are outside of Albuquerque
9 and who require hospice and palliative care; and

10 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and the
11 university of New Mexico children's hospital's pediatric
12 hematology and oncology program are grateful for the support of
13 the state and its legislative bodies;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
15 OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of New Mexico be
16 recognized and honored for carrying out its valuable mission;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the executive director of the children's cancer
20 fund of New Mexico.