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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2018 AS "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

WHEREAS, forty-eight children were diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico in 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has existed for forty-six 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

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1 is New Mexico's premier pediatric hematology and oncology  
2 facility; and

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

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

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

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

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

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