

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER 12 THROUGH 14,
3 2007 AS "COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH DAYS" IN NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, cancer is one of the leading causes of death
6 with one of every three women and one of every two men
7 contracting some form of cancer during their lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, nearly every household has been touched by a
9 cancer-related issue; and

10 WHEREAS, research into the prevention and cure of cancer
11 is imperative for generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research was formed
13 twenty-five years ago with the intention of raising funds to
14 aid in cancer research and development at the university of
15 New Mexico cancer research and development center; and

16 WHEREAS, funds raised by the cowboys for cancer research
17 events help seed new research studies and buy equipment that
18 will benefit patients directly by providing promising new
19 treatments; and

20 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is the largest
21 cancer fundraiser in the state of New Mexico, where one
22 hundred percent of the money stays in New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is the largest,
24 single, consistent contributor to the university of New
25 Mexico cancer research and development center; and

1 WHEREAS, one hundred percent of all the money donated by
2 cowboys for cancer research goes for cancer research and
3 treatment in New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has contributed
5 over six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in its
6 successful twenty-four-year history, with one hundred forty
7 thousand dollars (\$140,000) of this amount donated in 2006;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, all money contributed is deposited in the
10 cowboys for cancer research Alma Cohorn memorial endowment
11 fund at the university of New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is collaborating
13 with the New Mexico state university chemistry department on
14 cancer research, and cowboys for cancer research has joined
15 with the university of New Mexico to help fund this important
16 work; and

17 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research is an all-volunteer
18 organization without dues or salaries of any kind; and

19 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has the only
20 national cancer institute-designated cancer center in New
21 Mexico, and these types of centers play a vital role in the
22 nation's cancer research and treatment agenda; and

23 WHEREAS, in these forty elite centers, scientists and
24 physicians who specialize in cancer treatment work hand in
25 hand to discover the causes of cancer, develop better ways to

1 diagnose and treat cancers and provide leading edge,
2 state-of-the-art cancer care to patients in their regions;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the center at the university of New Mexico was
5 named the state's official cancer center in 2004 by Governor
6 Bill Richardson; and

7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the largest
8 cancer treatment facility in New Mexico, treating patients in
9 all thirty-three counties and seeing over three thousand
10 newly diagnosed cancer patients each year, including
11 thirty-six percent of the adult cancer patients in the state
12 and one hundred percent of the pediatric cancer cases;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to
15 proclaim October 12 through 14, 2007 as "Cowboys for Cancer
16 Research Days"; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 sent to the governor and to cowboys for cancer research. _____