

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2012 "CHILDREN'S
4 CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, nearly one hundred children in New Mexico are
7 diagnosed with cancer each year; and

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was
9 established in 1972 to help children with cancer and their
10 families as they face the day-to-day struggle of living with
11 and fighting cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, most children in New Mexico must travel to
13 Albuquerque for cancer treatments; and

14 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
15 focuses its efforts here in New Mexico, benefiting local
16 children and families; and

17 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
18 maintains a direct presence at the university of New Mexico's
19 pediatric oncology clinic, offering financial and emotional
20 support to families; and

21 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families
22 by providing them with grocery and food vouchers and
23 emergency expense assistance for transportation and living
24 costs while their children receive cancer treatment; and

25 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico

1 strives to fill the gap left by insurance coverage and other
2 charitable organizations by granting special requests made by
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico works
5 to improve the environment for children while they are
6 receiving treatment and provides playroom supplies, snacks
7 and toys to make clinic visits and painful treatments and
8 procedures more pleasant; and

9 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
10 provides end-of-life and funeral assistance to families in
11 need; and

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico will
13 assist over one thousand persons this year, extending a
14 helping hand to all children being treated for cancer in New
15 Mexico and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
17 provides scholarship assistance to former childhood cancer
18 patients to help them achieve their dreams;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of New
21 Mexico be recognized for the difference it makes in the lives
22 of families facing childhood cancer; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 1, 2012 be declared
24 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the children's cancer fund of New Mexico.