

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 5

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11 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND
12 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2017 AS "CHILDREN'S
13 CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

17 WHEREAS, fifty-seven children were diagnosed with cancer
18 in New Mexico in 2016; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2016, nine New Mexico children lost their
20 lives as a result of cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico exists
22 to help New Mexico's children and their families cope with the
23 day-to-day emotional, educational and financial needs of living
24 with and fighting cancer; and

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

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1 closely with New Mexico's premier pediatric oncology program at
2 the university of New Mexico's children's hospital to determine
3 and fill the needs of children and families facing pediatric
4 cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides
11 emergency assistance to families who are facing overwhelming
12 financial burdens because of a childhood cancer diagnosis; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, for the 2016-2017 academic year, the children's
23 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to twenty-
24 five students, twenty-three of whom are attending New Mexico
25 colleges and universities; and

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