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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, forty-seven children were diagnosed with cancer
in New Mexico in 2018; and

WHEREAS, five of New Mexico's children lost their lives
as a result of childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has
existed for forty-seven 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/
oncology facility; and

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

WHEREAS, from the time of diagnosis and throughout their
cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico

1 supports New Mexico families by providing them with basic
2 needs to assure that children with cancer receive the best
3 possible treatment for pediatric cancers; and

4 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
5 provided assistance to over three hundred fifty families in
6 2018 by providing emergency assistance to families who are
7 facing overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood
8 cancer diagnosis; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, for the 2018-2019 academic year, the children's
19 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to
20 thirty-two students, thirty of whom are attending New Mexico
21 colleges and universities; and

22 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
23 provides end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance to
24 families in need and opened Erin's place in 2017, providing a
25 homelike atmosphere for children whose homes are outside of

1 Albuquerque and who require hospice and palliative care; and

2 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico and
3 the university of New Mexico hospital's pediatric hematology/
4 oncology program are grateful for the support of the state
5 and its legislative bodies;

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

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the executive director of the children's cancer
12 fund of New Mexico. _____

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