

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND  
3 OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2014 "CHILDREN'S  
4 CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, cancer is the second-leading cause of death  
7 among children; and

8 WHEREAS, every week of 2014 at least one child in  
9 New Mexico will be diagnosed with cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico was  
11 established in 1972 to help New Mexico's children with cancer  
12 and their families cope with the day-to-day emotional and  
13 financial needs of living with and fighting cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, the only pediatric oncology treatment  
15 facilities are in Albuquerque, making it necessary for  
16 families to travel from throughout New Mexico to access  
17 cancer treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico is a  
19 local agency, benefiting New Mexico's children and their  
20 families; and

21 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
22 maintains a direct presence at the university of New Mexico  
23 pediatric oncology clinic, offering financial and emotional  
24 support to families; and

25 WHEREAS, the organization supports New Mexico families

1 by providing them with assistance for transportation costs to  
2 and from the clinic in the form of gasoline and  
3 transportation vouchers as well as food and grocery vouchers  
4 to help parents feed their families during lengthy stays at  
5 the clinic or hospital; and

6 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
7 provides emergency assistance with day-to-day living expenses  
8 for families who are facing overwhelming financial burdens  
9 because of their children's cancer diagnosis; and

10 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico helps  
11 to minimize the trauma of painful treatments and procedures  
12 by providing toys and bravery awards to children receiving  
13 treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
15 provides scholarship assistance to students who have been  
16 treated for childhood cancer in New Mexico and wish to  
17 continue their education beyond high school; and

18 WHEREAS, in the 2013-2014 academic year, thirty-three  
19 students were awarded Erin Trujeque memorial scholarships  
20 through the children's cancer fund of New Mexico, helping  
21 them to achieve their dreams; and

22 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico  
23 provides end-of-life hospice and funeral assistance to  
24 families in need; and

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

1 assist over one thousand persons this year, extending a  
2 helping hand to all children being treated for cancer in  
3 New Mexico and to their families;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children's cancer fund of  
6 New Mexico be recognized for making a difference in the lives  
7 of families facing childhood cancer; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 29, 2014 be declared  
9 "Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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

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