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SENATE MEMORIAL 19

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AS "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, cancer remains the second-leading cause of death among children; and

WHEREAS, forty children were diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, six New Mexico children lost their lives as a result of cancer; and

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

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1 cancer journey, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico
2 supports New Mexico families by providing for basic needs to
3 assure that children with cancer receive the best possible
4 treatment for pediatric cancers; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico works
9 closely with New Mexico's pediatric oncology professionals to
10 determine and fill the needs of children and families facing
11 pediatric cancer diagnoses and treatments; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, for the 2014-2015 academic year, the children's
22 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to twenty-
23 five students, twenty-three of whom are attending New Mexico
24 colleges and universities; and

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

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1 end-of-life hospice care and funeral assistance for families in
2 need; and

3 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico has
4 served New Mexico's children with cancer and their families for
5 forty-two years;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that February 18, 2015 be declared "Children's
8 Cancer Fund of New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

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