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RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2016 AS "CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

WHEREAS, forty-four children were diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, four 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 the

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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 university of New Mexico pediatric  
13 hematology/oncology program is the premier childhood cancer  
14 facility in the state; and

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

20 WHEREAS, for the 2015-2016 academic year, the children's  
21 cancer fund of New Mexico has awarded scholarships to thirty-  
22 six students, thirty-four of whom are attending New Mexico  
23 colleges and universities; and

24 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provides  
25 hospice care and funeral assistance for families in need; and

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