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**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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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

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1 facility; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the children's cancer fund of New Mexico provided  
13 assistance to over three hundred fifty families in 2018 by  
14 providing emergency assistance to families who are facing  
15 overwhelming financial burdens because of a childhood cancer  
16 diagnosis; and

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

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

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