

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS  
"BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".

WHEREAS, fourteen million Americans suffer speech,  
language and hearing impairments that can limit academic  
achievement, career advancement and social adjustment for  
those who do not receive effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, these communication disorders can be present at  
birth or can be caused through accidental injury or illness at  
any age; and

WHEREAS, one in ten New Mexico families is affected by  
communication disorders; and

WHEREAS, those affected deserve access to quality  
treatment and every opportunity to lead full and productive  
lives; and

WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled  
professionals, most people with speech and language problems  
can find treatment, learn strategies to help them cope, live  
more independently and achieve their potential; and

WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists  
treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and  
work in a wide variety of health and education settings to  
help improve the quality of treatment and the opportunity to  
lead full and productive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and to the New Mexico speech-language and hearing association.