

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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