

1 A MEMORIAL

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

4
5 WHEREAS, more than fourteen million Americans suffer
6 speech, language and hearing impairments that can limit
7 academic achievement, career advancement and social
8 adjustment for those who do not receive effective treatment;
9 and

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

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

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

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

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

1 lead full and productive lives;

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

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

HM 2
Page 2

9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25