

1 A 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
11 at 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;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE 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. _____