

SENATE MEMORIAL 5

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY 2026 AS  
"BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".

WHEREAS, more than 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

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

5 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists  
6 treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and  
7 work in a wide variety of health and education settings to help  
8 improve the quality of treatment and increase the opportunities  
9 for people with speech, language and hearing problems to lead  
10 full and productive lives;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate the  
13 month of May 2026 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New  
14 Mexico; and

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