

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 5

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled professionals, most people with speech, language and hearing problems can find treatment and 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 increase the opportunities for people with speech, language and hearing problems to lead full and productive lives;

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 2026 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 the New Mexico speech-language and hearing association.

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