1	SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1
2	50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS
12	"BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".
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14	WHEREAS, fourteen million Americans suffer speech,
15	language and hearing impairments that can limit academic
16	achievement, career advancement and social adjustment for those
17	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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1 WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled 2 professionals, most people with speech and language problems can find treatment, learn strategies to help them cope, live 3 more independently and achieve their potential; and 4 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists 5 treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and 6 7 work in a wide variety of health and education settings to help improve the quality of treatment and the opportunity to lead 8 9 full and productive lives; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE 10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate 11 12 the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New Mexico; and 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be 14 transmitted to the governor and to the New Mexico speech-15 16 language and hearing association. - 2 -17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 .188014.1

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