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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

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 HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES 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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