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HOUSE MEMORIAL 12

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

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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 HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be
13 requested to designate the month of May 2026 as "Better Hearing
14 and Speech Month" in New 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.