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

WHEREAS, 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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