

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate the month of May 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 to the New Mexico speech-language and hearing association.