

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY 2019  
3 AS "BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".  
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5 WHEREAS, more than fourteen million Americans suffer  
6 speech, language and hearing impairments that can limit  
7 academic achievement, career advancement and social  
8 adjustment for those who do not receive effective treatment;  
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10 WHEREAS, these communication disorders can be present at  
11 birth or can be caused through accidental injury or illness  
12 at any age; and

13 WHEREAS, one in ten New Mexico families is affected by  
14 communication disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, those affected deserve access to quality  
16 treatment and every opportunity to lead full and productive  
17 lives; and

18 WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled  
19 professionals, most people with speech, language and hearing  
20 problems can find treatment, learn strategies to help them  
21 cope, live more independently and achieve their potential;  
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23 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists  
24 treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and  
25 work in a wide variety of health and education settings to

1 help improve the quality of treatment and the opportunity to  
2 lead full and productive lives;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor  
5 be requested to designate the month of May 2019 as "Better  
6 Hearing and Speech Month" in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the governor and the New Mexico speech-language  
9 and hearing association.

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