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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 1  
**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**  
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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

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1           WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled  
2 professionals, most people with speech and language problems  
3 can find treatment, learn strategies to help them cope, live  
4 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 the opportunity to lead  
9 full and productive lives;

10          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate  
12 the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New  
13 Mexico; and

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor and to the New Mexico speech-  
16 language and hearing association.