



## Letter of Request for Proclamations, Resolutions

Dear

Today an estimated 42 million Americans have some type of communication disorder, with economic costs exceeding \$30 billion due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment. Since 1927, audiologists and speech-language pathologists—the professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders—have made a special effort during the month of May to inform and educate people about hearing and speech disorders.

Statistics show that 1 in 10 families in \_\_\_\_\_ are affected by a communication disorder. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to request that you help raise awareness about this critical issue and help those in need by issuing a resolution and proclamation for our annual public information campaign in May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. For your convenience, I enclose suggested text for this year's message.

With proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives. Unfortunately, many people with communication disorders are unaware that the treatment to remedy or minimize the impact of their condition is available. Our goal as professionals is to educate the public that help is available. I hope we can count on your support.

Please let me know if you need any further information. Thank you for your help and continued concern for the cause of better hearing and speech.

Sincerely,

enclosure: resolution and proclamation