



Proclamation

An estimated 42 million Americans, or 1 in 10 families, have some type of communication disorder, with economic costs exceeding \$30 billion due to lost work productivity, special education, and medical treatment.

Therefore, I am pleased to join with all citizens of _____ in celebrating May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. Because of their tireless work, I salute the _____ audiologists and speech-language pathologists who work in our state to bring better hearing and speech to those individuals who are affected by communication disorders.

During this annual observance, we should focus our attention on the needs of our citizens who have some form of hearing, speech, or language impairment to ensure that everyone has access to the audiology and speech-language pathology treatment that will help them lead full and productive lives.