



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, speech, language, and hearing disorders constitute the nation's most widespread disability; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly 24 million Americans and an estimated 550,000 in Missouri have speech, language, or hearing impairments which affect their educational, vocational, personal, and social functions; and

**WHEREAS**, most people with communication disorders can be helped by speech-language pathologists and audiologists, but often need to be made aware of the availability of services; and

**WHEREAS**, Better Hearing and Speech Month is an annual national campaign to inform the public about communication disorders and ways to get help, and to encourage early detection, proper treatment, and prevention of these disorders.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2018 to be

### **BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

in Missouri, to facilitate greater awareness of speech, language and hearing disorders and their treatment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

Eric R. Greitens  
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.

Secretary of State