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Better Hearing and Speech Month

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State of Maine



WHEREAS, speech, language and hearing disorders constitute this nation's most widespread handicapping conditions; and

WHEREAS, some 24 million Americans, about 10 percent of the population, or an estimated 122,792 people in Maine 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, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May, 1993 as

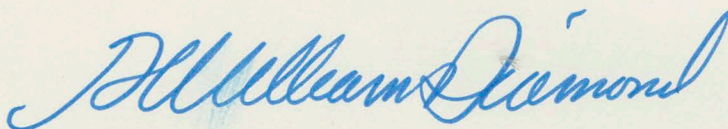
BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

throughout the State of Maine.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this eleventh day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.




JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor



G. William Diamond
Secretary of State