

# PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
MAY 2021,  
AS  
“BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH”  
IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

WHEREAS, Over 48 million Americans experience some form of communication disorder that compromises physical and emotional health and affects the social, financial, educational, vocational, and recreational aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Hearing loss creates higher risk of developing health conditions including social isolation, depression, anxiety, cognitive decline, and dementia; and

WHEREAS, Over 28 million Americans have hearing loss that can be treated; yet fewer than 7 million use a hearing aid, mainly due to cost and stigma; and

WHEREAS, Over 10 percent of children have moderate to severe communication impairments, including speech production/articulation, stuttering, and language-learning difficulties and are more likely than their peers to experience other language-learning disabilities including significant reading problems; and

WHEREAS, Early intervention and evaluation by a professional are instrumental for the future quality of life for any person experiencing speech or language delays or disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian J. Bagley, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as “Better Hearing and Speech Month” in support of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD).

MAYOR:



ATTEST  
CITY CLERK:

