

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, communication disorders, including impairments of hearing, speech, and language, affect more than 42 million people nationally; and

WHEREAS, between 1900 and 2050, the number of people with communication disorders have increased at a faster rate than the total U.S. population as a direct result of aging; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of communication disorders can be helped with the medical treatment, advanced technology, or appropriate intervention services; and

WHEREAS, national and local organizations concerned with communication disorders have joined together in a common desire to promote public awareness through communication outreach; and

WHEREAS, such an effort will encourage early detection and increase awareness of communication disorders, as well as proper prevention and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAURA MILLER, mayor of the city of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in Dallas, Texas, and urge all citizens of Dallas to learn more about communication disorders and the prevention and treatment of disorders of hearing, speech, and language.


Mayor, The City of Dallas

