NATIONAL

SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING

MONTH

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *established in 1960, the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA) represents over 10,696 licensed professionals as a non-profit organization in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology; and,*

WHEREAS, *these professionals, which include speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathology assistants, audiologists, and audiology assistants, are dedicated to the evaluation and treatment of both typical and disordered communication, hearing, and safe swallowing in individuals experiencing communicative disorders; and,*

WHEREAS, *speech-language pathologists and speech-language pathology assistants work with people of all ages, from infants to seniors, providing treatment to improve language, voice, stuttering, articulation, memory, literacy, and swallowing; and,*

WHEREAS, *audiologists and audiology assistants are engaged in the prevention, identification, and assessment of hearing and balance disorders, as well as the rehabilitation of individuals with hearing impairments; and,*

WHEREAS, *ISHA is committed to offering service, education, and advocacy as a resource concerning issues related to speech, language, hearing, feeding, and swallowing, while also promoting awareness and advocating for individuals with disabilities at multiple levels; and,*

WHEREAS, *speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathology assistants, audiologists, and audiology assistants are employed in a variety of settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practices, educational institutions, and research facilities;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby declare May 2026 as* ***National Speech-Language-Hearing Month*** *in Illinois as we aim to elevate awareness regarding the significant contributions of speech-language pathologists and audiologists, as well as the support available to individuals facing challenges in speech, language, or hearing.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this TWENTY-NINTH *day of* APRIL*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-SIX*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* SEVENTH*.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

Governor Pritzker's Proclamation recognizing May as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month

MEET YOUR UNIT FIVE

Speech Language Pathologists

McLean County Unit 5 employs

52 Speech Language Pathologists

serving students from Early Learning through age 21

Certifications

- Bachelor’s Degree (4 years)
- Masters Degree (requires 50-60 credit hours -2 years)

- ISBE Professional Educators License

- Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation License

- American Speech Language Hearing Association Certificate of Clinical Competence

- Expressive Language - written, verbal and non-verbal
- Augmentative Communication
- Receptive Language - reading, vocabulary, listening and processing
- Pragmatics/Social Communication
- Articulation/Phonological Processes
- Fluency (stuttering)
- Voice
- Literacy

Speech Language Pathologists serving students with Dyslexia.

Our DYSLEXIA Instruction

Sound-Symbol Association

Orthography. Letter Patterns, spelling

Phonology. Phonology is the study of sound structure of spoken words

Morphology. The study of base words, roots, prefixes, and suffixes

Syllable Instruction

Multi-Linguistic

We Choose

McLEAN COUNTY UNIT 5