



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, throughout human history, the spoken word has been translated into text for posterity and to accomplish this task, our society has relied on the skills and expertise of scribes, who have served as impartial witnesses and preservers of our past; and*

*WHEREAS, scribes were present when our nation's founding fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, and President Abraham Lincoln later entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and*

*WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, court reporters, often referred to as court scribes, have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and*

*WHEREAS, among their many roles, court reporters are present in the United States Congress, preserving words and actions for posterity; and*

*WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning often seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, delivering information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes court reporters and captioners for their important work translating spoken word into text, helping to preserve our nation's history and making information more accessible to all;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between February 5, 2022 and February 12, 2022, as*

## **COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fifth day of February, 2022*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis  
Governor*