

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) provides leadership and information to the users of verbatim court reporting services and the public in Illinois regarding the special competency, importance, and value of the shorthand reporting system and the key role Certified Shorthand Reporters play in the justice system in Illinois courts; and,

**WHEREAS**, stenographic, real-time captioners in Illinois provide communication access for millions of people throughout the state and country who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and when the consumers of real-time captions are engaged in their business, educational, recreational, and personal lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, court reporters capture testimony and communications at legal proceedings and official meetings by use of contemporaneous shorthand as the proceedings occur; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois court reporters are licensed Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSRs) who diligently serve as guardians of the record and provide verbatim transcripts of depositions, trials, hearings, and meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, court reporters in Illinois utilize digital technology including sophisticated steno machines and computers to instantly capture every spoken word in real-time shorthand, and regularly create their shorthand notes from participants speaking in proceedings at speeds of between 200-275 words per minute; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois CSRs produce the Official Record of Proceedings upon which Illinois courts, attorneys, and litigants can rely on in the pursuit of protection of their rights and interests in the judicial system; and Illinois Court Reporters are conscientious in protecting the private, proprietary, and confidential information which they hear and report for the users of their services;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as **Illinois Court Reporting and Captioning Week**, in honor and recognition of the work court reporters and captioners do for our legal system and our nation.

*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 THIRTY-FIRST day of JANUARY, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and FOURTH.

*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR