



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for centuries there has been a need to translate the spoken word into text for posterity by trusted impartial professionals; and

WHEREAS, scribes were present when our nation's Founding Fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand stenotype machines in 1879, scribes have become known as court reporters, stenographers, or captioners, and have played an invaluable role in creating an impartial transcript for legal proof and verification in real time or at a later date, as well as safeguarding confidential legal records; and

WHEREAS, court reporters have embraced and continue to stay abreast of technology which provides the fastest, most accurate way to preserve the record using computer-aided translation, which results in the most up-to-date voice-to-print transcription available in real time; and

WHEREAS, court reporters are preferred by the United States Congress for diligently preserving members' words for the official Congressional Record; and

WHEREAS, court reporters are indispensable in the delivery of fair and impartial justice, as they must create a verbatim and accurate record of court proceedings and deposition testimony for all civil litigants and criminal defendants in courtrooms and other venues requiring a written record across our country; and

WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen on television and movie screens, at sporting stadiums, and other community and educational settings, providing instant and equal access to news and information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing people every day; and

WHEREAS, court reporters during the ongoing global pandemic have worked tirelessly, in person and remotely, to provide much needed access and preserve our history; and

WHEREAS, whether they are called the scribes of yesterday or the stenographic court reporters and captioners of today, they are preserving our nation's history and are truly impartial guardians of the written record.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the state of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 4 through February 11, 2023 as:

"Court Reporting and Captioning Week"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
17th day of January 2023.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor