

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; court reporters and captioners serve as guardians of the record, translating the spoken word into text and preserving history by keeping the records of public hearings ranging from small claims to major felonies; and

*WHEREAS*; as technology has advanced, court reporters have moved from documenting records with pencils and pens to real-time, computer-aided translation using the most up-to-date voice-to-print technology available; and

*WHEREAS*; on April 13, 1940, dozens of court reporters met in Milwaukee and formed the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association (WCRA) to promote and advocate for their profession; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout 1940, court reporters Paul Schuh and Louis Svacina traveled to every county in Wisconsin to encourage reporters to join the WCRA, and today, the association's expansive membership includes not only official reporters and freelance reporters, but closed captioners and communication access real-time translation providers who allow access to information for individuals who are deaf and hard-of-hearing in Wisconsin's communities; and

*WHEREAS*; the WCRA provides educational opportunities as well as advocacy and public relations services to the court reporting community in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the WCRA in celebrating the court reporters and captioners throughout the state who are committed to achieving the highest level of professional standards when capturing the spoken word;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 4 – 11, 2023, as

## COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
January 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State