

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Court Reporters Association (ILCRA) has for half a century been the preeminent association in Illinois to provide continual training to Certified Shorthand Reporters (court reporters) on professionalism, neutrality, confidentiality, and ethics for the benefit of all litigants, defendants, and the people of this State; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois Court Reporters are licensed Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSRs) who diligently serve as Guardians of the Record, safeguarding litigants' personal, private, confidential, and proprietary information so that such information is not improperly released to the public; and,*

*WHEREAS, Court Reporters write in shorthand, using advanced technology, a simultaneous verbatim report of the spoken word in pretrial depositions and hearings, trials, arbitrations, and sworn statements which are the critical foundation to the pursuit of justice in every legal proceeding; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois Shorthand Reporters and realtime captioners provide Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) by captioning for attorneys, litigants, and jurors in legal proceedings; at business meetings; at educational classes and lectures; at sporting events; and at arts performances for many Illinoisans who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, have auditory processing disabilities, or for whom English is not their first language; and,*

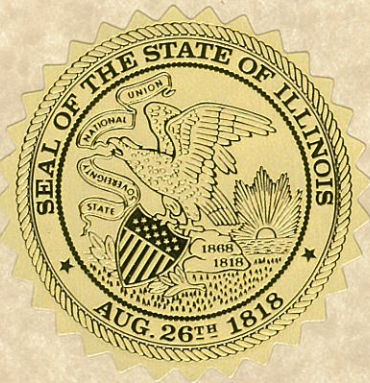
*WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners preserve history for all Americans by translating spoken word into readable, searchable, storable, and usable text and electronic media; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois CSRs are licensed by the State as the services provided by shorthand reporters/court reporters have long been declared to "affect the public health, safety and welfare" of the People of Illinois;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 3-10, 2024, as Illinois Court Reporting and Captioning Week in Illinois.*

*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-SIXTH *day of* JANUARY, *in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY-FOUR, *and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* FIFTH.



*Alexi Giannouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR