

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Court Reporters have served as guardians of the court record since ancient times; and

WHEREAS:

First referred to as scribes, court reporters have helped preserve the spoken word of some of history's most important documents, including the Declaration of Independence,

the Bill of Rights, and the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS:

Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text to create essential

records, guarding and preserving our history; and

WHEREAS:

Court reporters played a major role in the Veteran's History Project, preserving the stories of veterans of all ages around the country in the Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS:

Modern court reporters have played an invaluable role in courtrooms and legislative

bodies across the country, including the Minnesota State Legislature; and

WHEREAS:

Today, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning on television screens, at sports stadiums, churches, and in community and educational settings. Their work makes information more accessible for thousands of people in Minnesota every day.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 3–February 10, 2024, as:

## COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE