

WHEREAS; court reporters and captioners serve as guardians of the record, translating 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 in the state of Wisconsin; 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 court reporters and captioners across 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 1 through 8 2025 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 24th day of January 2025.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State