

WHEREAS; court reporters and captioners serve as guardians of the record, keeping and protecting the records of public hearings, from small claims to major felonies; and

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

WHEREAS; on April 13, 1940, approximately 40 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 300 members include not only official reporters and freelance reporters, but also closed captioners and communication-access, real-time translation providers who allow access to information for the deaf and hard-of-hearing in our 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 our 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 6 through 13, 2021, 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 3rd day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State