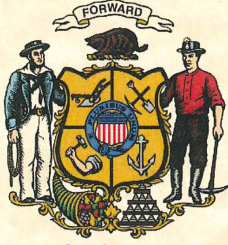


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; in 1940, court reporters Paul Schuh and Louis Svacina traveled to every county in Wisconsin to encourage reporters to join the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association (WCRA); and

WHEREAS; on April 13, 1940, approximately 40 court reporters met in Milwaukee for an organizational meeting and formed the WCRA to promote and advocate for court reporters; and

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

WHEREAS; 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 for capturing spoken word; and

WHEREAS; the 300 members of WCRA include not only official reporters and freelance reporters, but 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; the members of WCRA 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 8 – 15, 2020, as

COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 29th day of January 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas LaFollette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State