



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Throughout the course of civilization it has been desirable to have the spoken word translated into text to record history, a task accomplished by scribes; and
- WHEREAS: In Egypt and other ancient societies, those with the profession of scribe were considered the literate elite, recording laws and important documents and serving as impartial witnesses to historic events; and
- WHEREAS: Scribes have been present at significant moments in the history of the United States, including the signing of the Declaration of Independence, drafting of the Bill of Rights, and recording of the Emancipation Proclamation; and
- WHEREAS: Since the advent of shorthand machines, scribes have been known as court reporters and play an important role in courtrooms and at official proceedings throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS: Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen on television screens, at sports stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals every day; and
- WHEREAS: Like the scribes of yesterday, today's court reporters and captioners provide invaluable services to society, recording our history, and acting as "guardians of the record."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 17 – 23, 2013 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 20th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE