



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Court reporters have served as guardians of the public record since ancient times. First referred to as scribes, these individuals have helped preserve the spoken word of some of history's most important documents, such as the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address; and

WHEREAS: An organized body of court reporters was first formed in Minnesota on August 30, 1907, and to the present day, these reporters continue to be the only statewide association in Minnesota that assists official and freelance court reporters, captioners, and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART); and

WHEREAS: Without court reporters, who provide translation of the spoken word, Minnesota's 400,000-plus hard of hearing citizens would not have equal access to information from televised news broadcasts, sporting events, college lectures, church services, public meetings, or court proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16-22, 2014, 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 10th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE