



# *State of North Carolina*

*Roy Cooper*  
*Governor*

## **COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK**

2017

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

### **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for millennia, individuals have desired the spoken word to be translated into text for the purposes of recording history; to accomplish this task, they have relied on scribes; and

**WHEREAS**, scribes were present with America's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; President Lincoln also entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

**WHEREAS**, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

**WHEREAS**, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; whether referred to as the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, we are grateful for the individuals who preserve our nation's history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 11-18, 2017, as "**COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.