



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

- 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. Court reporters are present in the Georgia legislature, preserving the words and actions of State Senators and Representatives; 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, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 17-23, 2013, as COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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