

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
**GOVERNOR**

**COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for millennia, spoken word has been translated into text for the purposes of recording history; to accomplish this task, our society has relied primarily on the skills and expertise of 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

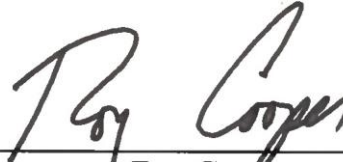
**WHEREAS**, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes court reporters and captioners, who translate spoken word into text, for helping to preserve our nation's history and make information more accessible to all;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 10 - 18, 2018, as "**COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**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-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.