

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and have relied on scribes to accomplish this task; and

WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and since that time have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

WHEREAS, scribes were present with our Nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln 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; and

WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby designate February 1-8, 2025, as

Mississippi Court Reporting & Captioning Week

in the State of Mississippi to raise awareness of the important service provided by court reporters and captioners.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 28TH day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR