



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS*, for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history, and to accomplish this task, they have relied on scribes; 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 stenographic 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*, stenographic court reporters are present in the United States Congress preserving members' words and actions; and

*WHEREAS*, stenographic 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*, stenographic court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

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

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 6<sup>th</sup> through February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

# Alabama Court Reporting and Captioning Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor