



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, throughout history, 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 Abraham 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 7 through February 14, 2026, as

Alabama Court Reporting & 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 3rd day of February 2026.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor