

Ohio Court Reporters Association

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Dear Editor:

The Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA) is proud to announce that Governor John Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor have declared by Resolution that February 10-17 is Ohio Court Reporting & Captioning Week! Ohio joins the National Court Reporters Association in celebrating the 2018 National Court Reporting & Captioning Week by promoting court reporters and captioners and raising the public's awareness of this wonderful and unique profession.

Ohio's reporters and captioners provide services in many ways. We work in the court systems. We work in freelance capacities taking the record for depositions, arbitrations, meetings, and more. We've captioned the Governor's State of the Union Address, along with many other state and local government-related meetings and activities. We caption meetings and phone conferences for hearing-impaired workers. We provide CART/captioning for instructors' lectures for hearing-impaired college students. We caption live television programming, church services, and conventions around the state and beyond to provide accessibility for all Ohioans who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The court reporting and captioning profession has seen many changes over the last twenty years. With the incorporation of realtime computer technology, we provide instant translation to the public, whether it be in a courtroom, deposition suite, college classroom, television station, or even remotely from our office to any location. Our profession has morphed into a state-of-the-art career always striving to keep up with technology to provide Ohio and the nation with a vital skill which preserves thought, history, and justice.

I want to just take this moment to thank all the hard-working court reporters and captioners across our fine state for the work that they do every day. We enjoy our jobs and it is such a blessing to be able to give back to our state and our communities by providing this important service.

Attached to this email you will find the official Resolution from the Office of Governor Kasich, our National Court Reporters Association press release, and a poster which has been provided to court reporters and captioners across Ohio to share with their colleagues, friends, and family.

I thank you for taking the time to celebrate the 2018 Ohio Court Reporting & Captioning Week and to share our excitement with your readers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Douglas Bettis
2017-2018 President