

In the Name and by the Authority of
**THE STATE OF
OHIO**



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, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; 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 are present in the United States Congress, preserving Members' words and actions; 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, whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly guardians of the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize February 7-14, 2026 as

OHIO COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

on this 7th day of February 2026.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jim Tressel
Lieutenant Governor