



PROCLAMATION A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

WHEREAS, FOR MILLENNIA, INDIVIDUALS HAVE DESIRED THE SPOKEN WORD TO BE TRANSLATED INTO TEXT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACCURATELY REPORTING HISTORY; TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, THEY HAVE RELIED ON SCRIBES; AND

WHEREAS, SCRIBES WERE PRESENT WITH AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS AS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS WERE DRAFTED; PRESIDENT LINCOLN ALSO ENTRUSTED SCRIBES TO RECORD THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE THE ADVENT OF SHORTHAND MACHINES AND VOICE WRITING TOOLS, THESE SCRIBES OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS COURT REPORTERS AND HAVE PLAYED A PERMANENT AND INVALUABLE ROLE IN COURTROOMS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS, THOSE WITH THE SKILLS OF COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF 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 TRANSFORM THE SPOKEN WORD INTO TEXT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY IN OUR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURTROOMS, INCLUDING PRODUCING IN 2025 OVER 400,000 PAGES OF TRANSCRIPTS FROM TRIALS AND OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS, ENSURING THAT PROPER APPELLATE REVIEW CAN OCCUR AND THAT JUSTICE IS PRESERVED THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT STATE;

WHETHER REFERRED TO AS THE SCRIBES OF YESTERDAY OR THE COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS OF TODAY, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PRESERVE OUR NATION'S HISTORY;

I HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE COURT REPORTERS IN OUR STATE DURING **COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 7 – 14, 2026.**

PAUL NEWBY, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA