



JUDICIAL ORDER

ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION COURT REPORTERS MAKE TO ENSURE THAT JUSTICE IS DELIVERED WITHOUT FAVOR, DENIAL, OR DELAY, THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-12 IS HEREBY ORDERED AS "COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK" FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT HUMAN HISTORY, THE SPOKEN WORD HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO TEXT FOR POSTERITY; TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, OUR SOCIETY HAS RELIED ON THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF SCRIBES, WHO HAVE SERVED AS IMPARTIAL WITNESSES AND PRESERVERS OF OUR PAST;

WHEREAS, SCRIBES WERE PRESENT WHEN OUR NATION'S FOUNDING FATHERS DRAFTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN LATER ENTRUSTED SCRIBES TO RECORD THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION; AND

WHEREAS, IN OUR COURTS, SCRIBES HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS COURT REPORTERS AND CONTINUE TO PLAY A PERMANENT ROLE IN COURTROOMS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY IN OUR STATE; AND

WHEREAS, AMONG THEIR MANY ROLES, COURT REPORTERS ARE PRESENT IN COURTROOMS THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA AND ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR OUR COURTS TO BE OPEN AND IN THE DELIVERY OF FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL AS THE ACCURATE VERBATIM RECORDS MADE BY THEM ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF DUE PROCESS AND NECESSARY APPELLATE REVIEW; AND

WHEREAS, COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING INFORMATION TO DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING AMERICANS EVERY DAY AND ALSO PROVIDING SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN HEARINGS, TRIALS, AND OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS THROUGHOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND

WHEREAS, THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH RECOGNIZES COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS FOR THEIR IMPORTANT WORK TRANSLATING SPOKEN WORD INTO TEXT, HELPING TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY, AND MAKING INFORMATION MORE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL;

NOW, THEREFORE, I DO HEREBY ORDER THAT THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-12, 2022, BE DECLARED AS "COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK" FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THIS THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

PAUL NEWBY, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA