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Wyoming's First-Ever Court Reporting and Captioning Week

Cheyenne, WY – For the first time in Wyoming history, Governor Mark Gordon has officially proclaimed the first week of February as Court Reporting and Captioning Week. This historic recognition highlights the indispensable role of stenographic court reporters and captioners in the legal community and beyond.

During the proclamation ceremony, Governor Gordon acknowledged the exceptional skill, dedication, and impact of court reporters and captioners. Their work ensures the preservation of the spoken word, supports the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities, enhances transparency in the legal system, and contributes to the historical record.



Above left to right: Amanda Trenkle of Casper, Merissa Racine of Cheyenne, Governor Gordon, Emma Harris of Cheyenne, and Tammy Trowbridge Fleming of Cheyenne.

"This proclamation is more than just recognition—it's a testament to the precision, professionalism, and unwavering commitment of our court reporters," said Chief Justice

Kate Fox. "Every word we capture upholds the integrity and transparency of the legal process."

Nearly 50 court reporters serve Wyoming, working tirelessly behind the scenes to uphold the highest standards of their profession. While their numbers may be small, their impact is profound.

The National Court Reporters Association recently recognized this historic proclamation, underscoring its significance within the broader court reporting community. Read more about this milestone in the Journal of Court Reporting's feature article: <u>It's a</u> <u>First and a First</u>.

As Wyoming celebrates its inaugural Court Reporting and Captioning Week, this proclamation serves as a tribute to the invaluable contributions of these professionals— whose dedication ensures that justice, accessibility, and historical preservation remain at the heart of our judicial system.

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