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**Kansas Supreme Court observes
National Court Reporting and Captioning Week February 11-18**

TOPEKA—The Kansas Supreme Court issued a proclamation today recognizing February 11 through 18 as National Court Reporting and Captioning Week and encouraged all Kansans to join the state court system in its observance of the week.

"In ancient Egypt, scribes were considered the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents," said Chief Justice Lawton Nuss. "Since that time, scribes have served as impartial witnesses to history, including when America's founding fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights."

Today, court reporters and captioners are present in Congress, preserving members' words and actions, and in courtrooms nationwide. They are also responsible for closed captioning on television, at sporting events, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing people every day.

Wednesday morning, Nuss presented the Supreme Court's original proclamation to Cindy Isaacsen, president of the Kansas Court Reporters Association, in front a small audience of court reporters from across Kansas. The chief justice was joined by his fellow Supreme Court justices for the short ceremony.



Chief Justice Lawton Nuss presents a proclamation designating February 11-18 National Court Reporters Week to Cindy Isaacsen, president of the Kansas Court Reporters Association, in a brief ceremony in the Supreme Court courtroom.

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"Court reporters and captioners, like their scribe predecessors, play an important role in capturing and preserving court proceedings, and in preserving our nation's history," Nuss said. "They truly are guardians of the record, and I invite my fellow Kansans to join with me to recognize their important contributions."

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