

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association will hold their Annual Fall Conference September 28 – 30, 2007 in Madison; and

WHEREAS, in 1940 court reporters Paul Schuh and Louis Svacina traveled to every county in the state of Wisconsin, using their own vacation time and at their own expense, to encourage reporters to join the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association to advocate for court reporters; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1940, approximately 40 court reporters met in Milwaukee for an organizational meeting and formed the Association to promote court reporters, guardians of the record, which now numbers nearly 400; and

WHEREAS, Court Reporters have moved from pen writers to realtime computer-aided translation, the most up-to-date voice-to-print technology there is for capturing the spoken word; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Court Reporters Association membership includes not only official reporters and freelance reporters, but also closed captioners and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) providers, which provide access to information for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community; and

WHEREAS, because of their work in providing free or low-cost transcripts to low-income litigants, the Legal Assistance Committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin recognized the Volunteer Court Reporters Project for its commitment to the provision of pro bono civil legal services in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the members of Wisconsin Court Reporters Association provide student scholarships to promote all the various careers in court reporting; and

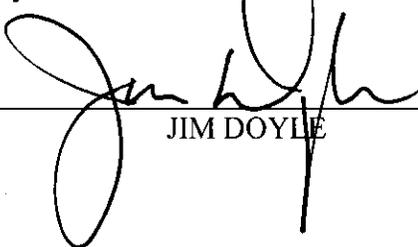
WHEREAS, court reporters serve as guardians of the record, and have been protecting and guarding the record of hearings as diverse as small claims to murders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the third week in October as

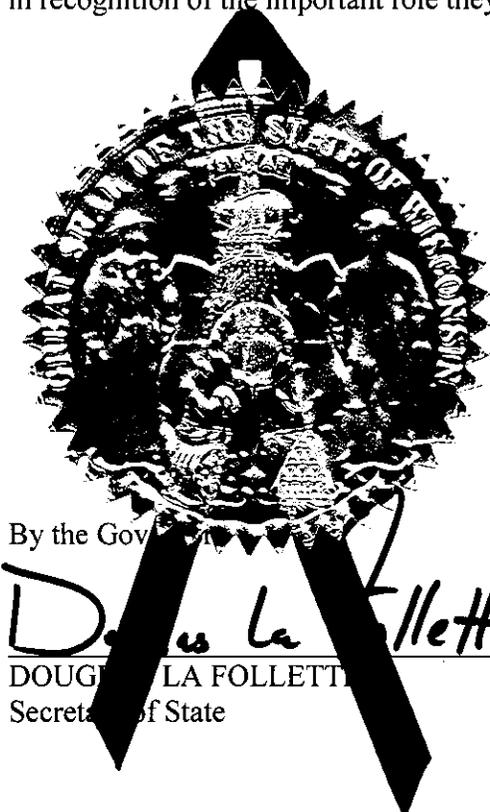
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in recognition of the important role they play in our state's judicial system.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twentieth day of September in the year two thousand seven.



JIM DOYLE



By the Governor

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State