

2024 Metric Week Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the metric system, known as the International System of Units (SI), is a universal decimal-based measurement system developed to harmonize essential measurements that underpin science and technology;
- WHEREAS, legalized by the United States Congress in 1866 and declared the preferred system of weights and measures for Trade and Commerce;
- WHEREAS, the development of the metric system as an international system has contributed to advances in global commerce, science, and technology; and
- WHEREAS, National Metric Week draws attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system; and
- WHEREAS, Teaching SI proficiency is fundamental to an informed citizenry, strengthens Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) careers and is a linchpin for the development of a world class US workforce of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MURIEL ELIZABETH BOWSER, MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 6 to 12, 2024

D.C. METRIC WEEK

throughout the great federal district of the District of Columbia and encourage all Washingtonians to learn more about the metric system.