

## **2023 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, JANET MILLS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MAINE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM  
OCTOBER 8 to 14, 2023

## **MAINE METRIC WEEK**

throughout the great state of Maine and encourage all Mainers to learn more about the metric system.