WHEREAS, the SI Metric System is a universal, decimal-based system of measurement used by the vast majority of countries around the world; and,

WHEREAS, the development of the Metric System as an international standard of trade has contributed to advances in global commerce, technology, and science; and,

WHEREAS, several multinational corporations headquartered in Illinois, such as John Deere and Caterpillar, use the SI Metric System for products they design and produce in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the SI Metric System was legalized by Congress for use in the United States in 1866 and additional legal support was authorized by the Metric Conversion Act of 1975; and,

WHEREAS, National Metric Week calls attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the SI international Metric System;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 10-16 Metric Week in Illinois and encourage all Illinoisans to learn more about the Metric System.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FOURTH day of AUGUST, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and THIRD.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE