

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the metric system is a universal, decimal-based system of measurement used by most countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, based on a system developed in France in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century in an effort to standardize weights and measures throughout that country, the metric system was authorized for use in the United States by Congress in 1866; and

WHEREAS, in the Metric Conversion Act of 1975, the metric system was designated as the preferred system of weights and measures for trade and commerce; 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, National Metric Week calls attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 9 - 15, 2022, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA METRIC WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the metric system.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**