

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the metric system, known as the International System of Units (SI), is a universal, decimal-based measurement system now used everywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, President George Washington first endorsed a uniform measurement system in 1790, the metric system was authorized by Congress for use in the United States in 1866, the U.S. signed the Treaty of the Meter in 1875, and President Gerald Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the development of the metric system as an international standard has advanced 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as

Washington Metric Week

in Washington, and I encourage all Washingtonians to learn and use metric measurement.

Signed this 26th day of September, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

