



# 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the metric system was legalized by the United States Congress in 1866 and declared the preferred system of weights and measures for Trade and Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the metric system as an international system has contributed to advances in global commerce, science, and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the metric system of measurement and standardization of weights and measures has led to major cost savings in certain industries which have converted to that system; and

**WHEREAS**, SI familiarity and fluency developed along the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career pipeline helps prepare the future United States workforce; and


**WHEREAS**, in 1983, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) rescheduled the designated Metric Week to include the tenth day of the tenth month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Metric Week draws attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system.

**THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 8 to 14, 2023 as

## **“STATE METRIC WEEK”**

in the Aloha State and encourage the people of Hawai'i to learn more about the benefits of using the metric system.

  
**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i