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

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

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

WHEREAS, many Illinois Companies, including Caterpillar, Stellantis, and John Deere use the Metric System extensively in their manufacturing operations; 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;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as Illinois Metric Week and encourage all residents 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 FIRST day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR