

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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 *.*



Alexi Gianoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR