

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

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, SI was legalized by the U.S. 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, National Metric Week draws attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system; 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 U.S. workforce of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-nineth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fifth.

PHIL MCGRANE SECRETARY OF STATE BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR