



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, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, do hereby proclaim October 6 to 12, 2024 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