

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## 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 6-12, 2024, 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 THIRTIETH day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and FIFTH.*

*Alexi Giannouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR