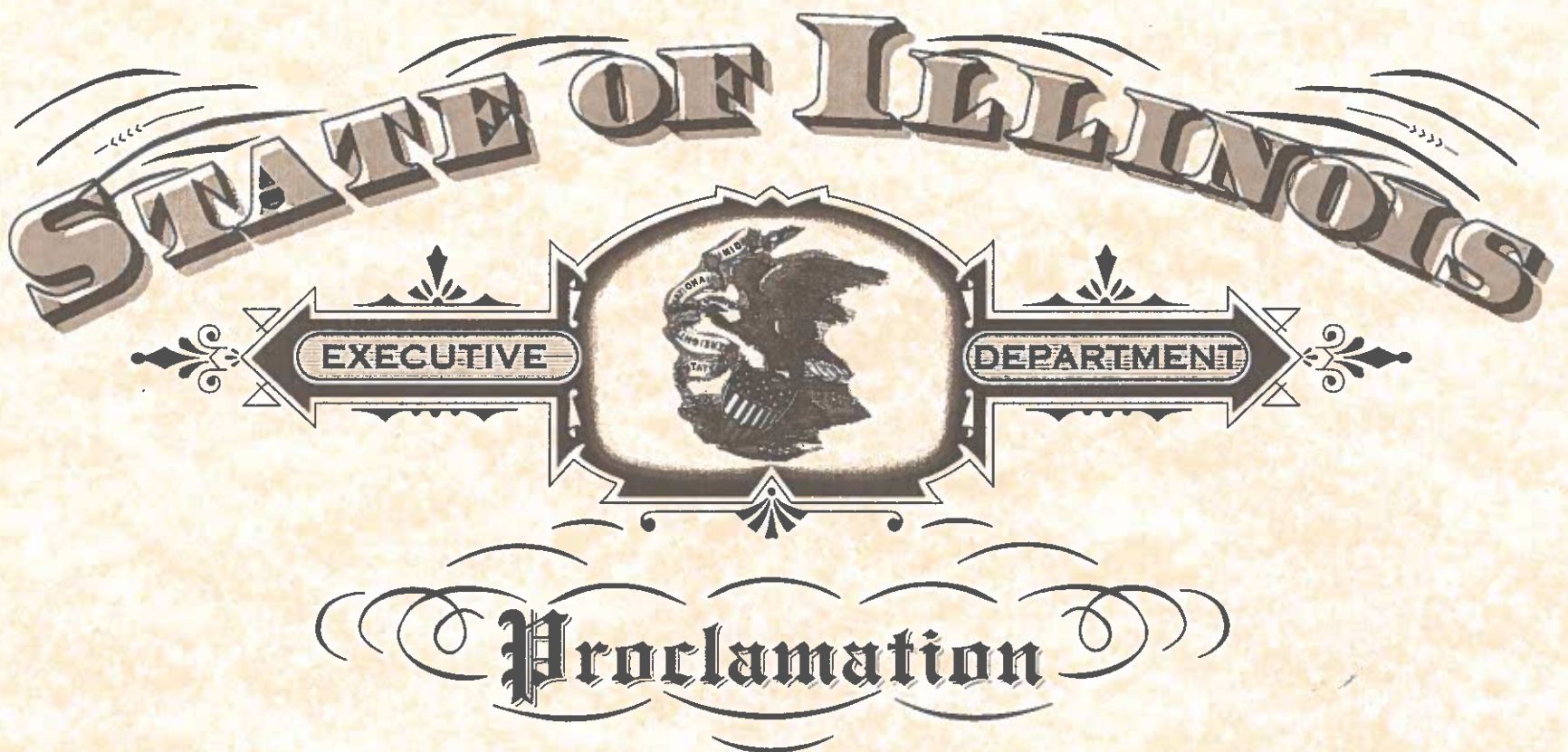




**WHEREAS**, the metric system, known as the International System of Units (SI), is a universal decimal-based measurement system developed to harmonize essential measurements that underpin science and technology; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SI Metric System was legalized for use in the United States by an Act of 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 advances in science and technology; and,

**WHEREAS**, many Illinois companies, including Caterpillar, Stellantis, and John Deere use the SI Metric System for their development and production work; and,

**WHEREAS**, teaching SI proficiency is fundamental to an informed citizenry, strengthens science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics careers, and is a linchpin for the development of a world-class American workforce of the future;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby declare the week of October 4-10, 2026, as **Illinois Metric Week** in Illinois.

**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 TWENTY-EIGHTH day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SEVENTH.

*Alexi Giannouli*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR