

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND METRIC WEEK
OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland K-12 educators and education communities across the country observe National Metric Week to raise awareness about the metric system, its benefits, and its contribution to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The metric system, known as the International System of Units, 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,** *National Metric Week draws attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Teaching the International System of Units proficiency is fundamental to an informed citizenry, essential to a skilled workforce, and a linchpin for the development of a world-class economy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During Maryland Metric Week, the State of Maryland joins organizations and educational institutions across the state and around the country to work toward greater International System of Units literacy and encourages all residents to learn more about the metric system.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2026, as MARYLAND METRIC WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



Given *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*
this 4th day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Wes Moore
Governor
Aruna Miller
Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State