

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, 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

teaching SI proficiency is fundamental to an informed citizenry, WHEREAS,

> 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.

I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, NOW, THEREFORE,

do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as

LOUISIANA METRIC WEEK

in the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 8th day of October A. D., 2023.

John Bel Edwards

Governor