

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; equitable commercial transactions depend on the accurate measurement of the weight, mass, dimensions, volume, purity, and price of everyday goods; and

*WHEREAS*; on March 2, 1799, former President John Adams signed the first American weights and measures legislation into law, a historic event that is commemorated annually by Weights and Measures Week; and

*WHEREAS*; the Bureau of Weights and Measures of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is responsible for regularly monitoring the accuracy of motor vehicle fuel pumps, commercial scales, package weights, milk tanks, and other measuring instruments used by businesses throughout Wisconsin and across state lines, including in Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Laboratory in Madison maintains the state's standards of mass and volume, which are physical objects against which all other mass and volume standards tested and calibrated by DATCP's Bureau of Weights and Measures are compared; and

*WHEREAS*; DATCP's Bureau of Weights and Measures is also responsible for ensuring other standards are met and that field inspectors regularly test the accuracy of electronic price scanners in Wisconsin businesses and the quality of fuels sold in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; testing and calibration laboratories worldwide must regularly ensure their standards are measured against the standards defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to ensure any discrepancies are rectified; and

*WHEREAS*; interstate and international trade are vital to Wisconsin's economy, and the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Laboratory has a Certificate of Measurement Traceability from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to demonstrate conformance to the international standards maintained by the ISO; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP in recognizing the important work of the Bureau of Weights and Measures and affirming its commitment to guaranteeing that when Wisconsinites buy a gallon of gasoline, pound of beef, milligram of gold, or any other good, they can be confident they are receiving the full and true value of their purchase;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 1 – 7, 2025, as

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 3rd day  
of March 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State