

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 within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is responsible for regularly monitoring the accuracy of motor vehicle fuel pumps and electric vehicle charging stations,, 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, a pound of deli meat, a 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 through 7 2026 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 26th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State