

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, President John Adams signed the first American weights and measures legislation into law, a historic event that is commemorated each year 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, milk tanks, package weights, and other measuring instruments used by businesses across Wisconsin; 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 standards tested and calibrated by DATCP's Bureau of Weights and Measures are compared; and

WHEREAS; DATCP's Wisconsin Weights and Measures Laboratory also services businesses and organizations outside Wisconsin, including in Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa; and

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

WHEREAS; in 2022, the Wisconsin Weights and Measures Laboratory received recognition from NIST as the second Mass Echelon II laboratory in Wisconsin, indicating it is capable of high-precision measurements of mass; and

WHEREAS; the DATCP's Bureau of Weights and Measures is also responsible for ensuring other standards are met, and field inspectors regularly test the accuracy of price scanners in Wisconsin businesses and the quality of fuels sold in Wisconsin; 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, 2023, 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 27th day of February 2023.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State