

WHEREAS; the metric system, also known as the International System of Units or SI, is a universal decimal-based system of measurement that was created in an effort to better standardize measurements that are essential to science and technology across different countries, cultures, and languages; and

WHEREAS; the metric system was legally recognized by the United States government in 1866, and its development as an international form of measurement has contributed to advances in commerce, science, and technology, both in our country and beyond; and

WHEREAS; the metric system is universally used in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, and fluency in or familiarity with SI is an essential part of career and workforce readiness in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins organizations and educational institutions, including the Madison College STEM Center and all sixteen institutions that make up the Wisconsin Technical College System, in working towards greater SI literacy in Wisconsin and in acknowledging the potential of the metric system to better connect the state and country with the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 9 through 15 2022 as

## **WISCONSIN METRIC 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State