state of **NORTH DAKOTA**

METRIC WEEK

PROCLAMATION

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the metric system, known as the International System of Units (SI), is a universal decimalbased measurement system developed to harmonize essential measurements that underpin science and technology; and

WHEREAS, the metric system was 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 in addition to our English system of measurement; and

WHEREAS, teaching SI proficiency is fundamental to an informed citizenry, strengthens Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) careers and is a linchpin for the development of a world-class U.S. workforce of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, METRIC WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE