

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the metric system is a universal, decimal-based system of measurement used by most countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** based on a system developed in France in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century in an effort to standardize weights and measures throughout that country, the metric system was authorized for use in the United States by Congress in 1866; and

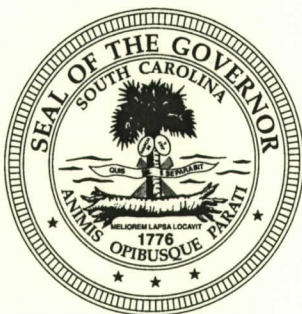
**WHEREAS,** the development of the metric system as an international standard of trade has contributed to advances in global commerce, technology, and science; and

**WHEREAS,** National Metric Week calls attention to the educational and economic benefits of using the metric system.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 8 - 14, 2017, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA METRIC WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the metric system.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

**HENRY MCMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**