

WHEREAS, the metric system is a uniform system of measuring in units of ten; and

WHEREAS, because most countries use the metric system and all international trade is conducted using metric measurements, it is essential that our young people be educated in the metric system to ensure their future success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that adopting the metric system in the United States would improve student performance on international tests and reduce the time spent teaching elementary arithmetic in our schools; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4 - 10, 2009, as

STATE METRIC WEEK

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