WHEREAS,  Weights and measures play a vital and necessary role in society, because everyone who enters an economic transaction uses some form of measurement; and

WHEREAS,  Weights and Measures inspectors are keeping pace with rapidly advancing technologies to ensure fairness in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS,  The Weights and Measures Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture works daily to protect our consumers by testing the accuracy of gasoline pumps, meters used to measure home fuel oil deliveries and thousands of scales - from grocery store scales to highway truck scales - providing an important service for people while directly contributing to the vitality and strength of Maryland's economy; and

WHEREAS,  President John Adams signed the first federal Weights and Measures Law in the United States on March 2, 1799; and

WHEREAS,  Maryland is pleased to join with the National Conference on Weights and Measures and the Maryland Department of Agriculture in celebrating a special week that recognizes the dedicated efforts of weights and measures officials in our communities - who maintain high quality standards, and who subsequently earn the tremendous respect and admiration of our public at-large.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 1 - 7, 2024, as WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.