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**Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Sealer of Weights and Measures,
Announces 2023 Annual Weights and Measures Week, March 1-7, 2023**

EL CENTRO, California – February 22, 2023 – the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) annually proclaims March 1st through 7th as National Weights and Measures Week. These dates are designated every year to commemorate President John Adams’s signing of the first United States weights and measures law on March 2, 1799.

NCWM announced this year’s theme, “Collaborating with Partners and Stakeholders for a Greater Measure of Equity.”

Imperial County Weights and Measures Officials serve all consumers as the local regulatory agency authorized to enforce the Business and Professions Code and the California Code of Regulations pertaining to issues of equity in the marketplace. Weights and Measures inspectors work year-round to ensure equity in the marketplace for both consumers and businesses. These inspectors ensure the accuracy of commercial weighing and measuring devices; enforce the quality, advertising, and labeling standards for most petroleum products; and, through price verification, ensure that the lowest price advertised, listed, or labeled for any specific item at a store location is the price charged to the consumer.

In order to promote fair business practices, we annually inspect all commercial weighing and measuring devices, and, after the device passes inspection, we place a “seal” on the device to ensure the consumer that it was accurate on the date of testing. Our inspectors also conduct annual price verification inspections, which consist of periodic simulated purchases at businesses utilizing point-of-sale checkout systems, to ensure that consumers are correctly charged. If you suspect there is a problem with a service station, fuel pump, store receipt, or scale, please do not hesitate to contact us; we investigate all such complaints received.

Our office is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information about our programs is available on our website at: <https://agcom.imperialcounty.org/>. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at (442) 265-1500 or e-mail at agcom@co.imperial.ca.us. The Imperial County Office of the Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures is happy to assist you.

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