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NEWS RELEASE

February 29, 2024: Imperial County Sealer of Weights and Measures Announces National Weights and Measures Week, March 1-7, 2024

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El Centro, CA - Every year, Weights and Measures Week is observed nationwide from March 1st to 7th, to mark and celebrate the signing of the first U.S. weights and measures law by President John Adams on March 2, 1799. The National Conference of Weights and Measures (NCWM) chairman, Gene Robertson declared this year's theme as "Staying Relevant" which denotes a collaborative effort in performing national studies to improve transaction accuracy and processes at corporate and local levels. The mission of the NCWM is to ensure equity through uniform standards in a changing marketplace. This national program along with state and local program enforcement, ensures accurate prices and measurements nationwide.

The Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures Office has an essential role in protecting the fairness of commercial transactions in the County. During 2023, Weights and Measures inspectors conducted 11,695 inspections at business locations countywide to monitor the accuracy of motor vehicle fuel pumps, commercial scales, retail price scanners, and other measuring instruments.

Most weighing and measuring devices must be tested and inspected annually to ensure accurate measurements or prices. When devices are found to be out of tolerance, inspectors issue non-compliance notices of violation to retailers to correct the problems or errors.

Imperial County's Weights and Measures Office serves a vital role in the Valley's economy. Consumer confidence depends on the precise and accurate measurement of everyday goods like food, gasoline, and raw materials. Our inspectors work year-round to ensure we can reliably get what we pay for as consumers.

For additional program information or to file a weights and measures complaint, call (442) 265-1500, visit our website at <http://agcom.imperialcounty.org/>, or email us at agcom@co.imperial.ca.us.

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