

Executive Order Number 92-8

an order establishing the Governor's Metric Advisory Board

WHEREAS, World Trade is increasingly geared toward the metric system; and

WHEREAS, industry in the State of New Hampshire is often at a competitive disadvantage when dealing in international markets because of our current use of the non-standard measurement system. This in turn often excludes our products as we are unable to deliver goods which are manufactured in accordance with the metric specifications; and

WHEREAS, the simplicity of the metric system of measurement and standardization of weights and measures has led to major cost savings in several industries which have converted to the system; and

WHEREAS, the increased ability to compete in world markets will create new jobs and occupations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judd Gregg, Governor of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41, of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish the Governor's Metric Advisory Board. The Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members as follows:

(a) Six (6) ex officio members or their designees, shall serve for the term of their respective offices.

The Commissioner of Postsecondary Technical Education (who shall serve as chairperson).
The Commissioner of Agriculture or designee.
The Commissioner of Education or designee.
The Commissioner of Resources and Economic Development or designee.
One Member of the House of Representatives or designee.
One Member of the Senate or designee.

(b) Five (5) Private Sector members representing the following categories shall be **appointed** by the Governor and serve at his pleasure;

One Member representing the Business and Industry Association.
One Member representing Small Businesses.
One Member representing the University System of New Hampshire.
One Member representing manufacturing.
One member representing the public.

The Board is hereby authorized and directed to:

- (1) review a representative sample of several industrial metric conversions.
- (2) establish a forum for business leaders to provide input as to their concerns and suggestions relative to metric conversions.
- (3) develop at least one model demonstration metric conversion protocol for a product or an industry.
- (4) provide guidance as necessary for evolving to the metric system of measurement.
- (5) make periodic reports and recommendations to the Governor for action that may be needed in order to facilitate effective industry metric conversion.

This Order shall take effect on the date hereof.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 22nd day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.


GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE