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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2026
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming March 1, 2026, through March 7, 2026, as National Weights and Measures Week

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

National Weights and Measures Week commemorates the signing of the first U.S. weights and measures law on March 2, 1799. This observance highlights the essential role of uniform measurement standards in ensuring equity in the marketplace.

The Nevada County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures protects both consumers and businesses by ensuring accuracy in commercial transactions involving weight, volume, length, and price. These services support a fair and competitive marketplace, reduce disputes, and build public trust in local commerce. Weights and Measures programs are foundational to economic development. Accurate measurement systems allow small businesses to compete on a level playing field, reduce operational risk, and maintain customer confidence. From fuel dispensers and grocery scales to point-of-sale systems and product labeling, the department's work ensures that every transaction—large or small—is conducted fairly.

For small businesses in particular, Weights and Measures officials help prevent unfair competition and protect honest operators from being undercut by inaccurate or non-compliant devices. These protections strengthen the local business environment, support entrepreneurship, and contribute to a stable, transparent economy.

Recognizing National Weights and Measures Week affirms the County's commitment to consumer protection, business integrity, and a thriving local economy.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Chris de Nijs