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## DLCA ANNOUNCES WEIGHTS & MEASURES WEEK

### MARCH 1-7, 2015

Devin Carrington, Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is pleased to announce that **Sunday, March 1, 2015 marks the beginning of Weights and Measures (W&M) Week. This event is celebrated annually throughout the nation and will be observed locally from March 1-7, 2015.** W&M inspectors will participate in the weeklong celebration by conducting informational sessions and in-school presentations. The goal is to expose students to the varied functions of weights and measures and how those functions affect our daily activities. "Students serve as excellent catalysts for disseminating information to their parents. When we inform students, we inform an entire family and our community." said Commissioner Carringtons.

**The history of W&M stretches over 200+ years as the first weights and measures law was signed by John Adams on March 2, 1799.** There have been numerous technological advancements since, from mechanical devices to highly sophisticated software-based weighing and measuring instruments. DLCA Inspectors are trained to secure accuracy, equity, and to ensure that national standards are met and maintained by retailers and manufactures.

**The W&M Unit at DLCA falls under the Consumer Protection Services Division. It is responsible for maintaining the official territorial standards for weights and measures.** Weights & Measures ensures that all commercial weighing and measuring devices used for trade or commerce in the territory are accurate in accordance with the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) guidelines, thus ensuring uniformity in measurement or "traceability."

**The W&M Unit also enforces all laws and regulations pertaining to food freshness, net contents of packaged goods, and unit pricing.** Inspectors at DLCA proudly exemplify the Weights and Measures motto "To Serve and Protect" as they execute their jobs functions daily while exercising high standards of care and accuracy. In 2011 the W&M Unit accomplished a great task of having all territorial weighing and measuring standards calibrated to NIST standards. This was the first time this has been done in over 20 years.

Throughout W&M week, information about the Weights and Measures Unit will also be made available throughout the lobbies of all DLCA offices. **An open house will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 10am-2pm on St. Croix and St. Thomas to wrap up W&M week. The St. Thomas open house will be held in the Property & Procurement (P&P) Conference room located in Subbase on the first floor of the P&P Building. The St. Croix open house will be held directly outside the DLCA office in the Golden Rock Shopping Center. The Department invites the entire public to come out and learn more about the W&M Unit and what it is doing for the Territory.**

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