

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, AMERICA'S PROGRESS HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY PIONEERS WHO THINK BIG, TAKE RISKS,

AND WORK HARD, FROM THE STOREFRONT SHOPS THAT ANCHOR MAIN STREET, TO THE HIGH-TECH STARTUPS THAT KEEP AMERICA ON THE CUTTING EDGE, SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY AND THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR

NATION'S PROMISE; AND

WHEREAS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND MAIN STREET BUSINESSES HAVE ENERGY AND A PASSION FOR WHAT THEY DO. WHEN WE SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS, JOBS ARE

CREATED AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES PRESERVE THEIR UNIQUE CULTURE; AND

WHEREAS.

THE COUNTRY'S 30 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES CREATE NEARLY TWO OUT OF THREE NET NEW JOBS IN OUR ECONOMY. WE CANNOT RESOLVE OURSELVES TO CREATE JOBS AND SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AMERICA WITHOUT DISCUSSING

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ENTREPRENEURS; AND

WHEREAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS PROCLAIMED NATIONAL SMALL

BUSINESS WEEK EVERY YEAR SINCE 1963 TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF May 5 – May 11, 2019, AS:

## **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT AND JOIN IN THIS NATIONAL EFFORT TO HELP AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES DO WHAT THEY DO BEST – GROW THEIR BUSINESS, CREATE JOBS, AND ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES REMAIN AS VIBRANT TOMORROW AS THEY ARE TODAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS SIXTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES