



Bismarck

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the resilience of American small businesses continues to drive America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years, fostering the competition and innovation that creates opportunities for families, workers, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our Nation's workers, enriching our Main Streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains, building our Nation's infrastructure, and innovating and inventing the products of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the historic investments made through the President's American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act are ensuring small businesses can access federal capital support, technical assistance, contracting opportunities, and other resources to help lead the way as we rebuild America's roads and bridges and build a clean energy economy for the future; and

WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture and enjoy new opportunities to build generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American Dream, evidenced by the historic small business boom, with a record 16.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021, including 5.5 million last year; and

WHEREAS, by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger Nation where everyone can succeed - from the bottom up and middle out; 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; and



WHEREAS, Bismarck North Dakota joins in this national effort to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the American economy and their importance in ensuring that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mike Schmitz, Mayor of the City of Bismarck, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2024 through May 4, 2024, as **NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**.

Signed this 23rd day of April 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Schmitz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mike Schmitz, Mayor
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners