
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 1 through 7, 2016, as "National
2 Small Business Week" in Pennsylvania to honor the far-
3 reaching contributions of small businesses to the economy of
4 this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Small businesses provide crucial contributions to
6 the nation's economic prosperity and well-being, representing
7 the ideas of hard work, initiative and the resourcefulness that
8 make America great; and

9 WHEREAS, By creating nearly two out of every three new jobs
10 in the United States and employing half of the nation's private
11 sector work force, small businesses truly provide the backbone
12 of our national economy; and

13 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is proud to benefit from nearly
14 one million small businesses that employ 2.4 million
15 Pennsylvanians, or about half of this Commonwealth's private
16 work force; and

17 WHEREAS, Small businesses play a critical role in this

1 Commonwealth's economy, accounting for 98.2% of businesses in a
2 wide variety of industries; and

3 WHEREAS, The top small business industries in this
4 Commonwealth include professional services, scientific and
5 technical services, retail trade and construction; and

6 WHEREAS, In the third quarter of 2015, this Commonwealth's
7 economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5%, which was faster than
8 the overall economic growth nationally of 1.9%; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth saw an increase of 36.7% in
10 minority ownership between 2007 and 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Small businesses embody what is noteworthy about
12 America, namely that with determination and responsibility,
13 citizens can build a better life for themselves, their loved
14 ones and their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, small businesses in the
16 United States have been pillars of communities nationwide and
17 engines of a strong economy, and the innovation of American
18 entrepreneurs has sparked ideas that have changed the course of
19 history for the better; and

20 WHEREAS, The Senate salutes the dedicated entrepreneurs and
21 employees of small businesses and celebrates the ways in which
22 small businesses invigorate the economy of this Commonwealth;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 1 through
25 7, 2016, as "National Small Business Week" in Pennsylvania to
26 honor the far-reaching contributions of small businesses to the
27 economy of this Commonwealth.