

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To declare May 5 through May 11, 2019 as “District of Columbia Small Business Week” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, small businesses are the economic engines of the economy and the foundation of the District’s economic growth and fiscal health;

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;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia supports and joins in this national effort to help America’s small businesses grow, create jobs, and ensure the District’s local communities remain vibrant;

WHEREAS, the District’s 72,837 small businesses account for 243,121 small business employees, nearly half of private sector employment, and firms with fewer than 100 employees have the largest share of small business employment;

WHEREAS, the Department of Small and Local Business Development, along with key agencies of local government, work to facilitate economic growth through collaboration with small businesses;

WHEREAS, the District has registered 1,743 Certified Business Enterprises and in Fiscal Year 2018 spent over \$814 million with Small Business Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the District reaffirms its commitment to helping small businesses thrive and prosper.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Small Business Week Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares May 5 through May 11, 2019 as “District of Columbia Small Business Week” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.