

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration has designated the week of May 1 through May 7, 2016, as National Small Business Week, in recognition of the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has taken this a step further by designating the entire month of May as Vancouver Small Business Month; and
- WHEREAS, nationally more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we must work to ensure that our city recovers and rebuilds not only from the top down, but also from the bottom up and the middle out; and
- WHEREAS, locally in Vancouver, Washington, 95% of our businesses are small businesses with 50 or fewer employees. The City of Vancouver offers assistance to small businesses through programs in the Economic Development Division, and also recognizes that small business assistance is a partnership with our affiliated organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Vancouver is the first City in our region to join the Startup in a Day Initiative, and has committed to providing resources that allow entrepreneurs to identify and apply for all requirements to launch a business in our community within one day; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver takes this opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners, and recognizes that Small Business Month is a time for us to celebrate the successes of small business and to thank our small business owners for their contributions to our city, our economy, and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, Washington, do here by proclaim May 2016 as:

"Small Business Month"

in the City of Vancouver, and urge all residents of Vancouver to participate in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2016


TIMOTHY D. LEAVITT, MAYOR