

# City of Vancouver, Washington

## 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 Street, 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, the City of Vancouver supports and 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the  
April 28th-May 4th, 2024, as

## “ National Small Business Week”

call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this observance by supporting your favorite local businesses and nearby entrepreneurs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be  
affixed this 22nd day of April 2024.

*Anne McEnerny-Ogle*  
ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR