## Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States is veteran owned -from Main Street store fronts to virtual high-tech startups that advance America,
veteran owned small businesses are a pillar of our economy and contribute to the
foundation of our nation; and

WHEREAS, veteran and military spouse small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their commitment to serving our country and communities; and

WHEREAS, when we resolve ourselves to strengthen our communities, we must empower and support the giants that veteran entrepreneurs are in our economy; and

WHEREAS, National Veterans Small Business Week highlights the programs and services available to veteran entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and resource partners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver supports and joins in this national effort to help America's veteran owned small businesses start, grow, and recover their businesses after a disaster and help our communities thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, Washington, do here by proclaim October 30 through November 3, 2023 as:

## "National Veterans Small Business Week"

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 23rd day of October, 2023.

ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR