

City of Vancouver, Washington **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, small businesses are central to Vancouver's communities, preserving local culture, generating wealth across generations, and fostering a deep sense of pride and belonging; and

WHEREAS, supporting small businesses strengthens our region by promoting job creation in a variety of industries; and

WHEREAS, investments in small businesses bolster local supply chains, drive innovation, and contribute to the development of sustainable, thriving economies; and

WHEREAS, the resilience and ingenuity of small businesses fuel economic growth, providing opportunities for families, workers, and neighborhoods to flourish; and

WHEREAS, small businesses enhance Vancouver's neighborhoods and streets, enriching our city's unique character and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses reflect the wide-ranging talents and backgrounds of our entrepreneurial community; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963, recognizing the vital contributions of small businesses to our economy and region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4th – 10th, as

“ National Small Business Week ”

in the city of Vancouver and 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 5th day of May 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR