

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses that, despite a worldwide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses remain the heartbeat of our communities and the American economy, employing more than half of our nation's workers, inventing and innovating to launch new technologies and create new American-led industries, enriching our Main Streets, making parts and products in America to fuel our supply chains, and building our Nation's infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** when we support small businesses, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; 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 Missoula supports and joins in this national effort to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the American economy and their importance to ensuring that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jordan Hess, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the week of April 30th – May 6th, 2023 as:

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 30th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Jordan Hess
Mayor