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RESOLUTION

National Small Business Week 2024 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 Streets, 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: Middletown 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 BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Middletown hereby proclaims April 28 through May 4, 2024 as NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in the Town and calls upon all our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions and businesses to join with us in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Town of Middletown to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April A.D. 2024.

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April 1, 2024

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL

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