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RESOLUTION

National Small Business Week 2025 Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Small businesses are the engine of the American economy and the foundation of a free and prosperous nation — built by men and women who work hard, take risks, and believe in the power of the American Dream, and
- WHEREAS: Small businesses make up more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and create nearly two out of every three new jobs in America, fueling opportunity and driving local economies across every corner of the country, and
- WHEREAS: Whether in our fields, on our factory floors, or at the frontiers of technology, small businesses are driving the innovation and building the products that keep America strong, competitive, and secure; and
- WHEREAS: In recent years, small business owners have faced unprecedented challenges — from record-high inflation to reckless federal spending and burdensome regulations — yet have remained resilient in their commitment to delivering for America’s communities, and
- WHEREAS: Despite these headwinds, the American spirit of enterprise endures, and we now stand at the threshold of a new golden era for small businesses — built on common sense, pro-growth policies that put our people, our workers, and our job creators first, and
- WHEREAS: Under strong leadership that prioritizes energy independence, secure borders, and fair trade, we can once again restore American dominance, self-reliance, and independence, and
- WHEREAS: Middletown, Rhode Island, shares this Administration’s commitment to cutting red tape, keeping taxes low, and fighting for the hardworking entrepreneurs who power our economy from the ground up; and
- WHEREAS: National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy, and anchoring our communities, 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 May 4, 2025 through May 10, 2025 as NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in the Town and encourages all our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions and businesses to support small businesses, celebrate their many achievements and 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 21st Day of April A.D. 2025.

Paul M. Rodrigues

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April 21, 2025

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL

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