



Office of Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, small businesses are the foundation of our economy, and the glue that holds our community together – creating jobs, bolstering the local economy, and fostering the character of North Bend; 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, according to the Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washington's small businesses employ more than half of the state's private workforce, 1.3 million workers in Washington, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration and businesses with fewer than 100 employees are the largest share of small business employment; and

WHEREAS, North Bend's local businesses are one of our community's greatest strengths supporting local residents and visitors and fostering innovation, community building, and inspiration for future entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, residents of North Bend honor our local small businesses and their invaluable contributions to our local economy and society; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend supports and joins this national effort to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the local and American economy and their importance to ensuring that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Miller, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 28th through May 4th, 2024, as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in the City of North Bend and urge all people in our City to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Week and throughout the year.



Signed this 16th day of April, 2024

Mary Miller

Mayor