

From the Governing Body of the
CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA



Proclamation

- Whereas,** America's economic growth 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,** historic investments made through the American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act will insure small businesses have access to federal capital support, technical assistance, contracting opportunities, and other resources to help lead the way as we move America into the future; and
- Whereas,** when we support small businesses, jobs are created, local communities preserve their unique culture, and we help to build a strong Nation where everyone can succeed; and
- Whereas,** entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to achieving the American Dream, evidenced by the remarkable small business boom with more than 10.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021 – more than in any other two-year period in American history; 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 Orange Beach 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; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Orange Beach City Council and Mayor that April 30 through May 6, 2023, is

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Tony Kennon, Mayor