

## **In Recognition of Small Business Month**

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are the backbone of the local economy and play a vital role in shaping the character, identity, and economic vitality of the Town of Bristol; and

**WHEREAS**, the small business owners, entrepreneurs, and family-operated establishments throughout Bristol contribute to the Town's unique charm, create local jobs, provide essential goods and services, and strengthen the sense of community that makes Bristol such a special place to live, work, and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, Bristol's small businesses help preserve the Town's historic downtown, waterfront, neighborhoods, and commercial districts by investing in our community, supporting local events, sponsoring civic organizations, and giving back to countless charitable and community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, through innovation, resilience, and dedication, Bristol's small businesses continue to adapt to changing economic conditions while remaining committed to serving residents and visitors with pride and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that the Town recognize the significant contributions of these businesses and encourage residents to support local merchants, restaurants, service providers, and entrepreneurs throughout the year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Bristol hereby proclaims **May 2026 as Small Business Month** in Bristol, Rhode Island, and calls upon all residents to recognize, celebrate, and support the small businesses that help our community thrive.