

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

Whereas, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

Whereas, small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and

Whereas, when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

Whereas, because this country's 28 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; 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 Kingsport supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

Now, Therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim May 4th through May 10th, 2025 as

National Small Business Week

in Kingsport and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants this week and throughout the year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 6th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-five.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor