

**PROCLAMATION**  
**NAT'L SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the entrepreneurial spirit is a defining quality of the City of Madison which time and again has lifted us to new heights and carried us through our greatest challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are not only the engines of our economic progress — they are the heart and soul of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the North Alabama area, which includes the City of Madison there are 9,924 establishments with less than 500 employees, 93.2% of those have less than 50 employees; and

**WHEREAS**, those businesses with less than 50 employees employ 9,285 of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, several of these small businesses have been named to Fortune's Best Small and Medium Workplaces, and North Alabama is nationally ranked for Best Places for Business, Careers and Job growth by Forbes; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Small Business Week, we celebrate the resolve and ingenuity of these businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers, and are committed to continuing to grow the City of Madison's economy by empowering and assisting our robust small business community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Ranae Bartlett, Mayor of the City of Madison, Alabama do hereby proclaim the week of

**MAY 3 – 9, 2026**

**as**

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in the City of Madison, Alabama and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants during Small Business Week and throughout the year.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Madison, Alabama to be affixed, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Ranae Bartlett, Mayor