



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States is veteran owned and are a pillar of our economy and contribute to the foundation of our nation - from Main Street store fronts to virtual high-tech startups; and,
- Whereas,** veteran and spouse small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their military service and committed to serving our country and communities; and,
- Whereas,** when we resolve ourselves to strengthen our communities, we must empower and support the giants that veteran and spouse entrepreneurs are in our economy; and,
- Whereas,** Idaho Veteran and Spouse Small Business Week highlights the programs and services available to veteran and spouse entrepreneurs through so many resource partners at the State and Federal Level; and,
- Whereas,** the State of Idaho and the City of Meridian support and join in this national effort to help America's veterans and spouse owned small businesses start, grow, and recover their businesses after a disaster and help our communities thrive.
- Therefore,** I Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim November 6-11th, 2023 as

Veterans and Spouse Small Business Week

in the City of Meridian and call upon the citizens to join me in recognizing and celebrating the Veteran owned businesses in our community.

Dated this this 7th day of November, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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