

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 30 million small businesses create nearly two out of three new net 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:** Middletown supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today. Now,
- **THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2022 as **National Small Business Week** in the Township of Middletown.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown, this 18th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-two

Mayor Tony Perry