A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 7, 2022, AS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, local small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created and our community preserves its unique culture; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, because this country's 32.5 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
- § 6. WHEREAS, the President of the United State has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City of Norman supports and joins in this national effort to help America's and Norman's small businesses do what they do best grow their businesses, create jobs, and ensure that our community remains as vibrant tomorrow as it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 8. Do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022, as Small Business Week in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and encourage all Norman citizens to support small businesses and merchants in Norman throughout the year.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:	Mayor	
City Clerk		