

## **Small Business Week 2024**

Presented by Councilmember Kent Lee and Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

April 28, 2024 to May 4, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the resilience of American small businesses continues to drive America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years, fostering the competition and innovation that creates opportunities for families, workers, and neighborhoods; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the historic investments made through the American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors) and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act are ensuring small businesses can access federal capital support, and other resources to help lead the way as we rebuild America's roads and bridges and build a clean energy economy for the future; **and**

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurship continues to be one of the best pathways to the American Dream, evidenced by the historic small business boom, with a record 16.5 million Americans applying to start a business since January 20, 2021, including 5.5 million in 2023; **and**

**WHEREAS**, by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger Nation where everyone can succeed - from the bottom up and middle out; **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**, San Diego supports and joins in this national effort to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the American economy and their importance in ensuring that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim April 28, 2024 to May 4, 2024 to be "**Small Business Week 2024**" in the City of San Diego.