



Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's small businesses are the heart of the nationwide economy and set an example of all that is possible with a dream and hard work; and

WHEREAS, our progress and leadership as a nation relies on the small businesses from small town storefronts to high-tech startups that maintain our economic diversity and therefore, resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is a national leader in small business growth and success; and

WHEREAS, the work ethic of small business owners and employees are a model for us all to approach work with the dedication, passion, and perseverance they exemplify; and

WHEREAS, when we support local small businesses, we are creating jobs, allowing buying power for local workers, reinforcing a positive cycle for a stronger and more active economy; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to about 653,639 small businesses, or about 99.5% of all Colorado businesses, demonstrating the entrepreneurial spirit and work ethic of those who call our state home; and

WHEREAS, these small businesses employ 1.1 million Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the importance of small businesses to our economy and the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and Small Business Development Center Network; and

WHEREAS, Colorado celebrates the hard work of small businesses and honors the national effort to support small businesses as they remain a crucial leader in our economy, growing business, creating jobs, and ensuring our communities remain vibrant;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 13 through September 17, 2021 as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in the state of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirteenth day of September, 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor