

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
MAY 3-9, 2026

WHEREAS, small businesses are the engine of the American economy and the foundation of a free and prosperous nation, accounting for more than 99% of all private sector employers and creating nearly two out of every three new jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, from our farms and to the frontiers of technology, small businesses drive innovation, strengthen local economies and provide the products and services that keep America competitive, secure and strong; and

WHEREAS, the current economic resurgence has produced more than 500,000 new jobs, driven small-business optimism above its 52-year historical average, secured over \$20 trillion in foreign investment commitments and delivered strong GDP growth; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits from common-sense, pro-growth policies that put our people, our workers and our job creators first; and prioritizing energy independence, secure borders and fair trade is restoring economic strength, self-reliance and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota shares the administration's commitment to cutting red tape, keeping taxes low and fighting for the hardworking entrepreneurs who power our economy from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy and anchoring our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 3-9, 2026, **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE