

PROCLAMATION

National Small Business Week

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi celebrates local small businesses and the contributions that Lodi residents, entrepreneurs and innovators bring to our local economy and community through creativity, vision and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are more than 34 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99 percent of companies with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61 percent of net new jobs created since 1995; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 45 percent of the employees in the private sector across the United States; almost half of America's workforce; and

WHEREAS, for every \$100 spent at a small business in the United States, \$68 stays in the local community, and every \$100 spent at small businesses creates an additional \$48 in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

WHEREAS, through resources and guidance offered by the City to low-income, minority, veteran, women and all entrepreneurs, the City of Lodi supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country, have endorsed the week of May 3 through May 9 as National Small Business Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mikey Hothi, Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Lodi, on behalf of Mayor Yepez, do hereby proclaim May 3 through May 9, 2026, as ***National Small Business Week*** here in Lodi and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants during this week, and throughout the year.

SIGNED this 6th day of May 2026.

Mikey Hothi,
Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Lodi