

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, because this country's 31.7 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

WHEREAS, the city of Charlotte's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; from the storefront shops that anchor our retail districts to the high-tech startups that keep Charlotte on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

WHEREAS, small businesses support economies, employ local residents, encourage youth entrepreneurship, engage in philanthropic and civic campaigns, and contribute to the vibrancy of Charlotte's neigborhoods and business districts; when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit that makes our community great and reaffirms our commitment to helping small businesses thrive and prosper; and

WHEREAS, residents of Charlotte are asked to recognize the contributions of our community's local small businesses and the key role they play in keeping our economy strong:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 31, 2023 as

"SMALL BUSINESS MONTH"

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens by supporting local small businesses during this month and throughout the year.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

Vi Alexander Lyles

Mayor