



# Proclamation

## Small Business Week

WHEREAS, the US Small Business Administration sponsors National Small Business Week every year to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the economy, creating jobs, supporting local communities, and fostering innovation; and

WHEREAS, small businesses account for a significant portion of North Carolina's economy, with more than 934,000 small businesses in the state employing more than 1.7 million people; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in Carrboro play an essential role in supporting a vibrant community, making up 96 percent of businesses and employing more than 3350 workers, providing essential services, creating new jobs, and supporting our local economy to help make Carrboro a wonderful place to live, work, and do business; and

WHEREAS, many people still dream of starting their own business, and there are numerous sources of assistance: the Small Business Administration provides loans and free counseling; in North Carolina, organizations and programs such as Business Link Carolina, the Carolina Small Business Development Fund, the Small Business Center Network of the North Carolina Community College System, the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, and others can help prospective business owners learn how to start a business; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Economic Development Department supports the business community, with a special emphasis on locally owned businesses, by serving as an information hub to help businesses succeed; administering loan programs to support job creation, business retention, and energy efficiency; partnering with the Carrboro Tourism Development Authority, the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, and the Carrboro Business Alliance to promote local businesses; and supporting networking among and maintaining a listing of Black, Indigenous, and people of color-owned business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 30 through May 6, 2023, to be Small Business Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to support local businesses during this week and throughout the year, appreciating and celebrating the personal touches and unique expertise small businesses offer and the economic resilience they foster.

This the second day of May 2023.

  
Damon Seils, Mayor

