



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The United States Small Business Administration has designated May 1-7, 2022, as its annual celebration to spotlight the resilience, ingenuity, and creativity of America's entrepreneurs and the renewal of the business economy in honor of the nation's 32.5 million businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** Small Business Week also recognizes SBA partners for their involvement in entrepreneurial development, disaster recovery, government contracting, financial development, and overall support for small businesses and entrepreneurship; and
- WHEREAS:** Starting and owning a small business fulfills the dreams and aspirations of people from all walks of life, including veterans, BIPOC people, students, young and older adults, and those with disabilities from every culture and every walk of life; and
- WHEREAS:** Every day, entrepreneurs are working to grow small businesses, create 21<sup>st</sup>-century jobs, drive innovation, and increase global competitiveness; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 500,000 small businesses are the lifeblood of Minnesota's economy, providing not only the basic essentials of life, but also intellectual stimulation, social interaction, and connection to our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota small businesses employ 47% of all workers and create 66% of all new jobs, and have the highest 5-year survival rate of all states in the country; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota's entrepreneurs continue to respond to the pandemic with perseverance, ingenuity, creativity, and triumphant spirit to stabilize, rebuild, and reinvigorate their businesses and start new ventures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-7, 2022, as:

## SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Dimon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE