THE CITY OF FARGO

- OFFICE OF THE MAYOR -

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Small businesses are the driving force of the American economy and the foundation of the nation's prosperity, built on the principles of hard work and the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses constitute more than 99 percent of private employers and generate almost two-thirds of new jobs in the U.S., boosting opportunity and local economies nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses across all sectors – from agriculture to manufacturing to technology – are the key drivers of American innovation and the producers of goods that ensure the nation's strength, competitiveness and security; and

WHEREAS, Despite facing unprecedented recent challenges, small business owners have shown resilience and continued their commitment to serving American communities; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of current challenges, the enduring American entrepreneurial spirit, coupled with sensible pro-growth policies prioritizing people, workers and job creators, signals a promising new era for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Fargo, North Dakota, aligns with the Administration's focus on reducing regulations, maintaining low taxes and supporting hardworking local entrepreneurs who are essential to the economy; and

WHEREAS, Since 1963, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the crucial role of small businesses in job creation, economic growth and community stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of Fargo, North Dakota do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025 to be

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

and encourage all citizens to support small businesses and celebrate their many achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of The City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota