

# DENVER CITY COUNCIL



## Proclamation No. 26-0584

### A Proclamation Celebrating Small Business Week in the City and County of Denver

**WHEREAS**, since 1963, National Small Business Week has been recognized across the United States to honor the critical contributions of small businesses to our economy, which account for more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and create nearly two out of every three new jobs nationwide; and

**WHEREAS Denver Economic Development and Opportunity's** mission is to build an economy that works for everyone, and the City and County of Denver is committed to fostering an environment where small businesses can start, grow, and thrive through strategic investments, workforce development, access to capital, and equitable economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS** small businesses are the backbone of Denver's economy, accounting for at least 45 percent of employment in our city and serving as key drivers of job creation, economic mobility, and neighborhood vitality; and

**WHEREAS** Denver's small businesses represent a diverse array of industries and cultures, sustain our neighborhoods, and significantly contribute to Denver's unique character through the community, history, and cultural identity they have created and sustain; and

**WHEREAS** small business owners demonstrate remarkable resilience, creativity, and determination in the face of economic challenges, continually adapting to changing market conditions while investing in their employees and communities; and

**WHEREAS** National Small Business Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Denver's entrepreneurs and to recognize the essential role they play in building an innovative, and prosperous city and a resilient and inclusive local economy; and

**WHEREAS** the City and County of Denver joins communities across the nation in recognizing and supporting small businesses and encouraging residents to "shop local" year-round and uplift the businesses that make Denver unique.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council recognizes the week of May 4 as small business week in the City and County of Denver, and that all residents are encouraged to celebrate and support Denver's small businesses, not only during this week, but throughout the year.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver Economic Development & Opportunity.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 4, 2026

Signed by:

*Amanda P. Sandeval*

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PRESIDENT

