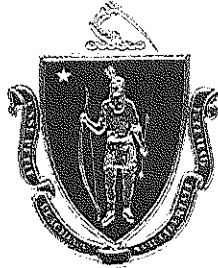


# The Massachusetts General Court



## Resolutions

### COMMENDING THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

**WHEREAS**, SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC, THE GENIUS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY HAS BEEN ITS POTENTIAL TO INSPIRE MEN AND WOMEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATION OR TITLE, WITH THE AMBITION MADE POSSIBLE BY FREE ENTERPRISE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE IS NO DOUBTING THAT AMERICANS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES, NUMBERING IN THE MILLIONS, ARE TODAY MAKING POSSIBLE THE ADVANCES, THE CURES, THE INVENTIONS AND THE SERVICES THAT WILL MOVE FORWARD THE UNITED STATES AND MAKE HAPPIER, HEALTHIER, WEALTHIER AND GREATER ITS PEOPLE; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALL OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES IN THEIR VARYING CAPACITIES COMBINE TO PRODUCE HALF OF THE NATION'S WEALTH AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE JOBS BY WHICH TENS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS SUPPORT THEMSELVES, SHELTER THEMSELVES, RAISE THEIR FAMILIES AND SECURE THEIR OWN FUTURES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COMMONWEALTH IS HOME TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES AND, FOR THAT, ITS PEOPLE ARE RICHER, MORE FORTUNATE AND BETTER ABLE TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER; AND

**WHEREAS**, NOWHERE IS THE VALUE OF SMALL BUSINESS HIGHER THAN IN THE CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE EVERY CIVIC ORGANIZATION, EVERY CHARITY, EVERY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION AND EVERY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN IS PROUDLY AND UNRESERVEDLY SPONSORED BY THE MEN AND WOMEN IN LOCAL BUSINESS; AND

**WHEREAS**, AT NO TIME HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO COMMEND THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESSES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SHOW THEIR RECIPROCAL SUPPORT BY SHOPPING LOCALLY; THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF REWARDING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND ENCOURAGING SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF CITIZENS TO CHASE THEIR DREAMS IN A SIMILARLY NOBLE AND VALUABLE FASHION, THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY SUPPORTS THE CELEBRATION OF SMALL BUSINESS WEEKEND ON THE FIRST SATURDAY AND THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE FOURTH THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER, IN HOPES OF ENCOURAGING EVERY CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO SEEK THEIR GIFTS, SERVICES AND NECESSITIES FROM AMONG THEIR NEIGHBORS IN FREE ENTERPRISE; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.


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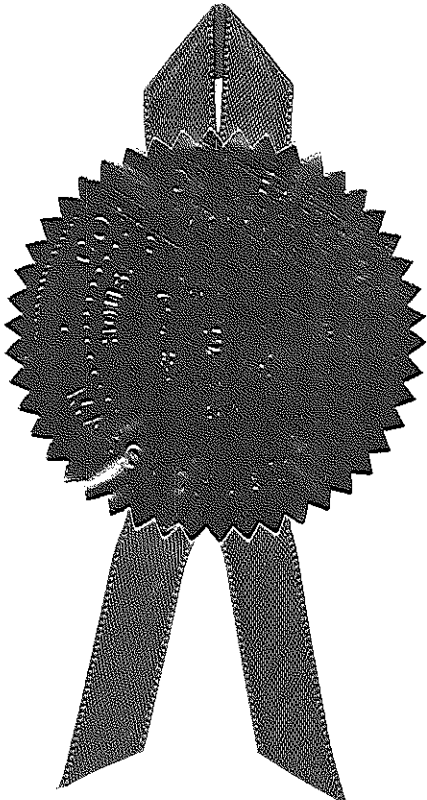
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