

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### *PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF SMALL BUSINESS MONTH*

*Whereas*, Delaware is home to more than 28,000 small businesses that account for 98 percent of all businesses in Delaware; and

*Whereas*, those small businesses range from restaurants and retail shops to next generation high-tech startups in healthcare and financial technology; and

*Whereas*, small businesses account for more than 227,000 jobs in Delaware, employing 56 percent of the state's workforce and generating \$12 billion in payroll annually; and

*Whereas*, Delaware's small business owners commit their time, money, and countless hours of hard work to provide their customers with the goods and services they rely on; and

*Whereas*, Delaware's small business owners have remained resilient despite the unprecedented challenges they have faced in recent years; and

*Whereas*, we appreciate Delaware's small business owners for their hard work, innovation, and significant contributions to Delaware's economy and workforce; and

*Whereas*, the State of Delaware supports small business owners through the work of the Division of Small Business, Office of Supplier Diversity, Delaware Tourism Office, and Delaware Main Street program.

*Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,  
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,  
do hereby declare May 2024*

### *SMALL BUSINESS MONTH*

in the State of Delaware, and encourage all Delawareans to support small businesses throughout the State to recognize the important role they play in our communities.



*John C. Carney*  
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Governor

*Bethany A. Hall-Long*  
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Lieutenant Governor