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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 153

DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS "SMALL BUSINESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1           WHEREAS, there are more than 33 million small businesses in the United States that support nearly 61.7 million  
2 jobs; and  
3           WHEREAS, every congressional district in the United States contains a small business; and  
4           WHEREAS, Delaware's small businesses include restaurants, retail establishments, service providers, startups in  
5 healthcare and financial technology; and  
6           WHEREAS, the small business community makes significant contributions to the state's economy and workforce;  
7 and  
8           WHEREAS, according to Delaware's Division of Small Business, Delaware is home to more than 27,940 small  
9 businesses, that represent 98% of all businesses in the state; and  
10          WHEREAS, small businesses generated \$12.8 billion in wages in fiscal year 2023 and employed nearly 227,129  
11 Delawareans, which is more than half of the state's workforce; and  
12          WHEREAS, Delaware's restaurant industry is a diverse and growing workforce with an estimated 6,800 jobs  
13 being added in the next 10 years; and  
14          WHEREAS, Delaware supports small businesses through the Division of Small Business, Office of Supplier  
15 Diversity, Delaware Tourism Office, and Delaware Main Street Program; and  
16          WHEREAS, the Delaware Division of Small Business encourages people to support small businesses by shopping  
17 locally, leaving positive online reviews, and spreading the word about our wonderful local businesses.  
18          NOW, THEREFORE:  
19          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
20 Representatives concurring therein, that the month of May 2024 be designated "Small Business Month" in the State of  
21 Delaware.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Delawareans are encouraged to shop at locally owned small businesses in  
23 their communities to help keep money circulating in the local economy, supporting small businesses growth and  
24 sustainability.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates May 2024 as "Small Business Month" in the State of Delaware.

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