



City of Delray Beach

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Joan K. Goodrich, Economic Development Director
THROUGH: Chief Neal de Jesus, Interim City Manager
CC: Caryn Gardner-Young
DATE: May 2, 2017

2017 We ♥ Small Biz Month Proclamation

Recommended Action:

Proclaim May 2017 as "We ♥ Small Biz" Month in Delray Beach, Florida

Background:

The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 in May to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies. This year, National Small Business Week will be celebrated April 28 through May 6, 2017 and the U.S. Small Business Administration has encouraged communities across the country to celebrate too.

As a result, Delray Beach's economic development team, supported by the City and the Delray Beach CRA, will present "We ♥ Small Biz Month," a power-packed, month-long series of seminars and special events designed to show the love for our local small businesses who now comprise 93% of our local economy.

By issuing this proclamation, the City of Delray Beach demonstrates its support and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best - grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

WHEREAS, Delray Beach's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

WHEREAS, our small business are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstone to our community's promise of prosperity for all; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Atlantic Avenue to our high-tech startups, small business owners and entrepreneurs embody the spirit of innovation and perseverance that drives Delray Beach's uniqueness and special character; and

WHEREAS, local Delray Beach small businesses are supported and assisted by an team of professionals throughout the year from the City of Delray Beach, Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Delray Beach Public Library, Downtown Development Authority, Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative, Florida Small Business Development Center at Palm Beach State College, Florida Women's Business Center, SCORE, The KTCHN, The TED Center and the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States participate in an annual observance and celebration of Small Business during the month of May;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as:

WE ♥ SMALL BIZ MONTH

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all residents, visitors and community leaders to show our local small businesses they are appreciated during May and throughout the year,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2017.

Cary D. Glickstein
Mayor