



City of Westland Proclamation Recognizing National Small Business Week May 4 – May 10, 2025

WHEREAS, small businesses are the engine of the American economy and the foundation of a free and prosperous nation — built by men and women who work hard, take risks, and believe in the power of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, small businesses make up more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and create nearly two out of every three new jobs in America, fueling opportunity and driving local economies across every corner of the country; and

WHEREAS, whether in our fields, on our factory floors, or at the frontiers of technology, small businesses are driving the innovation and building the products that keep America strong and competitive; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, small business owners have faced unprecedented challenges — from a globally disruptive pandemic and inflation to burdensome tariffs impacting their costs — yet have remained resilient in their commitment to delivering for America's communities; and

WHEREAS, despite these headwinds, the American spirit of enterprise endures, and we now stand at the threshold of a new golden era for small businesses — built on common sense policies that put people, workers, and job creators first; and

WHEREAS, by renewing our commitment to supporting small businesses, we can maintain our global competitiveness and build a stronger Nation where everyone can succeed — from the bottom up and middle out; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westland is committed to being a business-friendly community and fighting for the hardworking entrepreneurs who power our economy from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy, and anchoring our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that Mayor Kevin Coleman and the Westland City Council do hereby proclaim the week of **May 4–10, 2025** as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

and encourage all residents to support small businesses and celebrate their many achievements.

A blue ink signature of Kevin Coleman's name.

Kevin Coleman, Mayor

A blue ink signature of Mike McDermott's name.

Mike McDermott, Council President