

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep Pennsylvania on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the keystones of our Commonwealth's promise; and

WHEREAS, small business owners have repeatedly demonstrated resiliency and the ability to overcome challenges at every level, from economic downturns to global pandemics and beyond; and

WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, because this Commonwealth's more than one million small businesses account for 2.5 million jobs and almost half of our private sector employment, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in Pennsylvania without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supports 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.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, to be

### PENNSYLVANIA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

I invite all Pennsylvanians to join me in supporting small businesses throughout our Commonwealth and I extend my gratitude to the small business owners that bolster our economy and create jobs and prosperity throughout Pennsylvania.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-first day of April two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro