



WHEREAS: Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and a vital part of the community fabric in the City of Savannah, providing employment opportunities, driving innovation, and contributing to the economic vitality of our city; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses create jobs, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance the quality of life for residents by offering diverse goods and services while preserving the unique character and charm of Savannah's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The City of Savannah recognizes the resilience, determination, and creativity of small business owners who continue to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing economic landscape; and

WHEREAS: Small Business Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

WHEREAS: The City of Savannah encourages residents to support local small businesses not only during this week but throughout the year, recognizing that their success is integral to the continued prosperity of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor of the City of Savannah, Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026 as

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

In the City of Savannah and I urge all citizens to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions of small businesses and to support them in every way possible.

In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.

This 3rd day of, MAY 2026

ATTEST

Mark Messer
Clark of Council

Van R. Johnson II
MAYOR