

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the American economy — driving innovation, creating jobs, and fostering vibrant communities across our nation; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Small Business Administration designated May 3 – 9, 2026, as National Small Business Week, we celebrate the invaluable contributions 33 million small businesses make to the economy and cultural diversity, recognizing their vital role in generating \$1.5 trillion in annual revenue, fueling growth, fostering competition, and spurring innovation in every sector of our economy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses serve as pillars of strength and stability, providing essential goods and services, supporting local economies, and nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit fundamental to the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the City fosters a thriving business environment through programs such as the CRA Business Incentive Program, the QCT Business Incentive Program, the Sky Building Job Creation Incentive Pilot Program, and technical assistance efforts; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that partnerships are vital to economic success, Oakland Park collaborates with the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) to expand opportunities and support small businesses through initiatives such as The Intentional Entrepreneur and Listening to Your Business workshops, as well as Broward County's Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program, which provides up to \$5,000 in working capital.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Steven R. Arnst to proclaim May 3 – May 9, 2026, as

National Small Business Week

in the City of Oakland Park, and encourage all residents and visitors to support small businesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of May 2026.

By: _____
STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK