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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

DESIGNATING MAY 2023 AS "SMALL BUSINESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, there are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States that support nearly 60 million  
2 jobs; and

3 WHEREAS, every congressional district in the United States contains a small business; and

4 WHEREAS, Delaware's small businesses include restaurants, retail establishments, service providers, startups in  
5 healthcare and financial technology; and

6 WHEREAS, the small business community makes significant contributions to the state's economy and workforce;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, according to Delaware's Division of Small Business, Delaware is home to more than 27,000 small  
9 businesses, that represent 98% of all businesses in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, small businesses generated \$13.8 billion in wages in fiscal year 2022 and employed nearly 240,000  
11 Delawareans, which is more than half of the state's workforce; and

12 WHEREAS, Delaware's restaurant industry is the largest small business employer in the state with over 1,900  
13 establishments and over 49,000 employees; and

14 WHEREAS, Delaware's restaurant industry is a diverse and growing workforce with an estimated 4,600 jobs  
15 being added in the next 10 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Delaware supports small businesses through the Division of Small Business, Office of Supplier  
17 Diversity, Delaware Tourism Office, and Delaware Main Street Program; and

18 WHEREAS, the Delaware Division of Small Business encourages people to support small businesses by shopping  
19 locally, leaving positive online reviews, and spreading the word about our wonderful local businesses.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
22 Representatives concurring therein, that the month of May 2023 be designated “Small Business Month” in the State of  
23 Delaware.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Delawareans are encouraged to shop at locally owned small businesses in  
25 their communities to help keep money circulating in the local economy, supporting small businesses growth and  
26 sustainability.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates May 2023 as "Small Business Month" in the State of Delaware.

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