

City of Emeryville

Proclamation

Recognizing May as Small Business Month in the City of Emeryville

WHEREAS, since 2013, California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has declared the month of May as "Small Business Month" in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, a sustained culture of creativity and entrepreneurship has made the City of Emeryville a center of art and innovation in the State; and

WHEREAS, Emeryville's small businesses produce technologies and make discoveries that improve the well-being of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Emeryville's small businesses create jobs and contribute to the City's unique culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville has over 600 small businesses operating in the city and these firms employ over 20 percent of the City's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the total revenue of these small businesses exceeds \$900 million annually, representing a significant contribution to the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Emeryville General Plan calls for the City to "retain and foster the growth of Emeryville businesses" and to "encourage establishment of businesses that will employ and serve Emeryville residents"; and

WHEREAS, this month, we reaffirm our commitment to helping Emeryville's small businesses launch and prosper as a strategy to maintain and enhance the City's livability, expand job opportunities and increase our competitive advantage in the marketplace, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, as Mayor of the City of Emeryville, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Emeryville, I do hereby proclaim the month of May as Small Business Month in the City of Emeryville

PROCLAIMED this 1st Day of May 2018 at a regular meeting of the City Council, by the Mayor of the City of Emeryville.

John J	. Bauters,	Mayor