

BY: M. of A. Stirpe

MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim
April 30 - May 6, 2023, as Small Business Week in
the State of New York

WHEREAS, From Montauk to Buffalo, Plattsburgh to Binghamton and every community in-between, small businesses are the heart of these communities; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2022 Annual Small Business Report prepared by Empire State Development, small businesses continue to be a significant economic driver in New York State, with an estimated 98 percent of New York businesses having fewer than 100 employees, which employ 39 percent of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses of all kinds, from family-owned restaurants and farmers markets to antique stores and landscapers, are crucial to the health of our communities and to the State's economy overall, but have been greatly tested during these past three years; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic had an enormous effect on New York's small business; these ramifications continue to be felt by small businesses across the State; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses showed great ingenuity and resilience by adapting quickly to pandemic related restrictions and weathered economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, New York State continues to actively support minority and women-owned business enterprises and veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, The innovation, diversity, competitive strength, job creation, and quality of life that small businesses bring to our economy are vital elements for our State's long-term economic health; and

WHEREAS, The entrepreneurial spirit of New York residents has led to the creation and growth of emerging agricultural industries in New York, such as craft beverages, artisanal foods, and the production of hemp, hops and adult-use cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Small business owners demonstrate extraordinary resilience in the face of larger forces beyond their control, such as challenging economic times, supply chain disruptions, and pandemics; and

WHEREAS, The future welfare of our State depends on the continued development of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, The members of the New York State Assembly wish to proclaim their recognition of small businesses as a crucial element in the economy of New York State ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to declare April 30 - May 6, 2023, as Small Business Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.