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Proclamation

Proclaim May 1-7, 2022 to be National Small Business Week

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Whereas, there are over 32,000 small businesses of less than 50 employees in the City of Portland, including brick-and-mortar retail shops serving neighborhood needs, small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, and world-renowned restaurants, all of which comprise the backbone of our local economy; and

Whereas, these local small businesses employ over 176,000 people in the Portland area, generating \$10 billion in payroll; and

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Whereas, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

Whereas, the City of Portland supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

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Introduced by

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

April 27, 2022

Requested Start Time

10:45 am

Time Requested

20 minutes

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Documents and Exhibits

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