



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

WHEREAS, small businesses account for a significant portion of North Carolina's economy, with more than 994,500 small businesses in the state employing more than 1.7 million people; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale's progress has been driven by small businesses and entrepreneurs who want to "Start Something", take risks and work hard; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the North Carolina economy and are critical to creating jobs, stimulating economic growth, and driving innovation; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale supports and joins in the national effort to help 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; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Community Relations Department supports the business community, with a special emphasis on locally owned businesses, by serving as an information hub to help businesses succeed; administering support on business location and business retention; partnering with the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses; and supporting networking among and maintaining a listing of Black, Indigenous, and people of color-owned business; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of small businesses to our economy and to raise awareness of the resources and support available to help them thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jessica Day, Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as SMALL BUSINESS MONTH in the Town of Knightdale and encourage all citizens to support and celebrate the small businesses that are the cornerstone of our economy.

This the 17th day of May, 2023

Jessica Day, Mayor

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk