



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing May 2026 as
National Small Business Month**

WHEREAS, The Wake County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance and contributions of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy's 2026 report, there are 36.2 million small businesses across the United States that employ 62.3 million people; and North Carolina is home to 1.1 million small businesses that account for 99.6% of all businesses in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wake County benefits from a vibrant small business sector; according to The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; Wake County has more than 60,000 businesses with 50 employees or less; and 80% of establishments have 19 or fewer employees; and

WHEREAS, Ownership of a business continues to be an aspiration held by many Americans and plays a vital role in ensuring workforce growth, empowering emerging talent and increasing supply chain demand; and

WHEREAS, Wake County celebrates the achievements and economic impact of small businesses and honors their contributions, jobs created, and the enrichment they add to help our communities thrive; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2026, as **NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS MONTH** and we encourage the residents of our community, and communities nationwide, to support small businesses and recognize the essential role they play in strengthening our economy.

ADOPTED this the 18th day of May 2026.

Donald Mial, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners