



***National Small Business Week 2022
Proclamation 22-01***

WHEREAS, America’s strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country’s greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation’s promise; and

WHEREAS, when we support small business, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; 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 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 John Day 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; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and to support our local small businesses, the City of John Day has appropriated \$200,000 in funding for direct investment in Main Street businesses and formed a strategic partnership with The Ford Family Foundation’s Growing Rural Oregon (GRO) program to spur rural innovation and entrepreneurship in our community for the next 3-5 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Lundbom, Mayor of the City of John Day, do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2022 as

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Dated this 26th day of April, 2022.

Ron Lundbom, Mayor