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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

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**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAY 12 – 16, 2014  
AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, According to the Small Business Administration, America's 23 million small business owners are the engine of job creation and economic growth in this country, creating two out of every three net new jobs in the United States, employing over half of the nation's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Small Businesses represent 54% of all U.S. sales and provide 55% of all jobs and 66% of all new jobs in America since the 1970's; and

**WHEREAS**, The small business sector in America occupies 30-50% of all commercial space, and estimated 20-34 billion square feet; and

**WHEREAS**, The majority of Oakland's businesses are small businesses; 90 percent of Oakland businesses are small businesses that employ 20 or fewer employees; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has worked diligently to build relationships with a number of small business technical service providers such as the Alameda County Small Business Development Center, Inner City Advisors, Women's Initiative for Self Employment (WISE), Bay Area Business Roundtable, various other membership organizations, Oakland Business Development Corporation (OBDC), SCORE, Anew America, various Oakland chambers' of commerce, business improvement districts and merchant associations and over twenty five other federal, state, regional and non-profit organizations to provide assistance to small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, helping small businesses identify financing is a high priority for the City of Oakland, the City became the first city in the nation to be a Trustee for Kiva Zip, a national internet platform that enables individual lenders to fund interest free loans directly to small business owners, micro-enterprises and entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has adopted an Open for Business Pledge to ensure that Oakland is an inviting city for small and large businesses, and through the Business Assistance Center, lending programs, Local & Small Business Enterprise and Local & Small Certification Program and Local and Small Local Business participation requirements in contracting, the City continues to work on delivering effective services to the Oakland business community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the Oakland City Council recognizes May 12 – 16, 2014 as National Small Business Week; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the Oakland City Council encourages its residents to support small businesses in Oakland during the week of May 12-16, 2014; and be it

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**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council sincerely appreciates and extends a heartfelt thank you to all the small businesses located within City limits for their investment in Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES-            BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID SCHAAF,  
                         and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
                         LATONDA SIMMONS  
                         City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
                         of the City of Oakland, California