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SUPPORTING THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2021, AS "NATIONAL
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK" AND COMMENDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT
OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF ALABAMA AND THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 58th anniversary of
"National Small Business Week"; and

WHEREAS, as our nation collectively recovers from an
unprecedented pandemic, we celebrate the resolve and ingenuity
of American businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers; and

WHEREAS, American small businesses have been
critical in revitalizing economically distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, our nation's small businesses are at the
very core of our American identity and prosperity, creating
jobs and giving back during times of prosperity and challenge;
and

WHEREAS, with over 396,000 small businesses in the
State of Alabama, small business owners employ 47.5 percent of
the state's private sector workforce, and small businesses
account for 99 percent of Alabama businesses; and

1 WHEREAS, there are more than 30 million small
2 businesses in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, small businesses in the United States
4 employ half of the workforce of the United States, make up
5 99.7 percent of all employees in the United States, employ
6 veterans, produce one-third of the exports of the United
7 States, and account for nearly half of private sector output;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, as of 2020, 9.1 percent of all small
10 business owners in the United States are veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, two out of every three new jobs in the
12 United States are created by small businesses; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the week of May
15 3-9, 2021, as "National Small Business Week"; 1) celebrate the
16 entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in Alabama and
17 the Nation who have chartered their own course to provide jobs
18 and bright futures for millions of American workers; 2)
19 understand the importance of creating a small business climate
20 that allows for sustained economic recovery; 3) celebrate the
21 invaluable contribution that small businesses make to the
22 United States and to Alabama as the backbone of the economy;
23 4) support increasing consumer awareness of the value and
24 opportunity that small businesses bring to their local
25 communities; 5) understand the importance of providing more
26 access and resources to minority-owned and underserved firms;
27 6) and understand the need to provide further assistance and

1 relief to the small businesses of the United States during
2 unprecedented times.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge our fellow
4 citizens to recognize the critical contributions of Alabama's
5 entrepreneurs and small businesses and small business owners
6 as they grow our state and our nation's economy.