

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 3–9, 2026 AS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week celebrates the contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners who drive innovation, job creation, and economic opportunity throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the Pikes Peak regional economy, with an estimated 74,287 small businesses operating in Colorado Springs, representing approximately 98.7 percent of all businesses in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, these small businesses employ tens of thousands of residents and contribute significantly to the vitality of neighborhoods, the diversity of the local economy, and the continued growth of the Pikes Peak region; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center provides confidential advising, training, and resources to entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout El Paso and Teller Counties, helping them start, grow, and thrive through free one-on-one consulting and low-cost educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado promotes ethical business practices and advances marketplace trust by supporting consumers and businesses through accreditation, dispute resolution, education, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC serves as a leading advocate for business and economic prosperity in the Pikes Peak region, supporting economic development, workforce initiatives, and a strong environment for businesses of all sizes to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration of entrepreneurs, community organizations, financial institutions, and economic development partners ensures that the Pikes Peak region remains a vibrant and welcoming place for innovation, investment, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center, the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado, and the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC will host the 19th annual Small Business Week celebration, featuring educational workshops, networking opportunities, and recognition of outstanding small business leaders across the region; and

WHEREAS, these events provide entrepreneurs and small business owners with opportunities to gain valuable knowledge, build connections, and celebrate the important role small businesses play in strengthening the community and the regional economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs hereby recognizes May 3 through May 9, 2026 as Small Business Week in the Pikes Peak Region, and expresses its sincere appreciation to the entrepreneurs, small business owners, employees, lenders, advisors, and community partners whose work contributes to the strength and prosperity of our local economy.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk