

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

National Veterans Small Business Week October 30 to November 3, 2023

- WHEREAS,** nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States is veteran owned -- from Main Street store fronts to virtual high-tech startups that advance America, veteran owned small businesses are a pillar of our economy and contribute to the foundation of our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** veteran small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their military service and committed to serving our country and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** when we resolve ourselves to strengthen our communities, we must empower and support the giants that veteran entrepreneurs are in our economy; and
- WHEREAS,** National Veterans Small Business Week highlights the programs and services available to veteran entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and resource partners; and
- WHEREAS,** in Colorado, veterans make up 6.3 percent of all workers and 7.2 percent of businesses. Specifically, 41,229 in Colorado and 8,942 in Colorado Springs are small businesses and veteran-owned. In Colorado Springs, veterans make up 14.9% of all workers and 13.7% are veteran-owned; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs supports and joins in this national effort to help America's veteran owned small businesses start, grow, and recover their businesses after a disaster and help our communities thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim October 30 to November 3, 2023 National Veterans Small Business Week in the City Colorado Springs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this twenty-fourth day of October 2023.

Yemi Mobolade, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

Randy Helms, President
Colorado Springs City Council