



Small Business Week

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson, North Carolina recognizes and values the dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses that keep the State and American economy growing stronger; and

WHEREAS, there are over 200,000 small businesses with employees in North Carolina alone representing a majority of the total number of businesses with employees in this state; and

WHEREAS, the income of North Carolina's small business owners totals over \$20 billion, and these businesses employ 1.6 million North Carolinians or 49% of the State's non-farm private workforce; and

WHEREAS, there are over 28,500 small businesses with employees in Mecklenburg County and over 69,000 sole proprietors, representing a majority of the total number of businesses in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the collaborative mission of the town working with the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, Lake Norman Economic Development Corporation, Visit Lake Norman, and the Small Business Administration to help our businesses grow and create new jobs in the community and Lake Norman region by providing exemplary workforce training, financial assistance programs, and research and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson appreciates the support of our small business community by the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, Central Piedmont Community College, Small Business Technology Development Center, and our SCORE volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber was created in 1987 by business and elected leaders in the three North Mecklenburg Towns and was recently designated the Most Outstanding Chamber of Commerce in North & South Carolina by the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 1-7, 2016, the Small Business Administration and the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce are celebrating Small Business Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I John Woods, Mayor of the Town of Davidson, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as "Small Business week" in Davidson and urge all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements made by small businesses both locally and nationally, and to further support your local businesses by ***"Shopping and Buying Local!"***

John M. Woods, Mayor

Date