

# City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte recognizes that the thousands of small businesses in Charlotte-Mecklenburg play a pivotal role in strengthening the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2009 and the second quarter of 2015, more than four million net new jobs were created by small businesses, which accounted for 67.5 percent of all job growth in the U.S.; the job growth occurred in all sizes of firms, with medium businesses of more than 50 employees contributing more than half of the growth; and

**WHEREAS**, from startups to high growth entrepreneurs - small businesses foster creativity, drive innovation, and increase U.S. competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses support economies, employ local residents, encourage youth entrepreneurship, engage in philanthropic and civic campaigns, and contribute to the vibrancy of Charlotte's neighborhoods and business districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit that makes our community great and reaffirms our commitment to helping small businesses thrive and prosper; and

**WHEREAS**, during Small Business Month we honor entrepreneurs and small business owners who are the engine of our local economy for their important role ensuring Charlotte remains a great place to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Charlotte are asked to recognize the contributions of our community's local small businesses and the key role they play in keeping our economy strong;

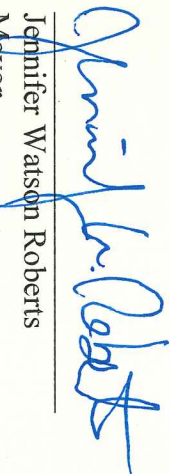
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jennifer Watson Roberts, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim  
May 1 – 31, 2017 as

## “SMALL BUSINESS MONTH”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS MY HAND** and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



  
Jennifer Watson Roberts  
Mayor