PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's strongest economic growth in almost 40 years has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses who, despite a world-wide pandemic, continue to pioneer innovative solutions to our country's greatest challenges and create opportunities for families and workers; and

WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created, and local communities preserve their unique culture; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, we cannot resolve ourselves to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle metro area has the seventh most small businesses per capita among large metro areas, more than 100,000 small businesses and about 2.55 small businesses per 100 residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to building an equitable and inclusive economy that benefits the whole city by promoting access to economic opportunities for all of Seattle's diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and
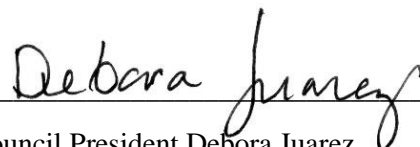
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 1ST THROUGH MAY 7TH 2022 TO BE
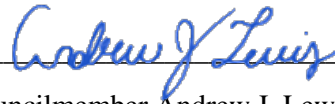
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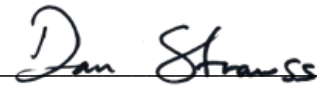
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