

Proclamation

National Entrepreneurship Week ***February 15, 2025 – February 22, 2025***

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is essential for the growth and prosperity of Carroll County, Maryland, and the entire country. Acknowledging this importance, National Entrepreneurship Week was established in 2006 as a congressionally-chartered week dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the annual initiative was relaunched in 2017 as NatlEshipWeek to bring together a network of partners to educate, engage, and build equitable access to America's entrepreneurship ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the mission says "NatlEshipWeek democratizes entrepreneurship by empowering all voices of entrepreneurship across the country through education, connection and collaboration" and the vision says "NatlEshipWeek envisions a national entrepreneurship ecosystem that is as diverse and rich as the citizens that are part of it."; and

WHEREAS, most new jobs created throughout the United States have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County supports over 4,500 small businesses that are the backbone of our communities with Main Street entrepreneurs serving as models of success giving inspiration for others to follow in their footsteps; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Small Business Development Center offers a monthly *Ready, Set, Go!* business start-up virtual training course where participants learn the nuts and bolts of becoming an entrepreneur along with no-cost business counseling for all new and existing entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, providing training and business counseling to new and growing enterprises expands the knowledge, skills, and abilities of Carroll County's citizens to embrace successful entrepreneurship which is crucial to the long-term growth of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on successful entrepreneurs and Carroll County's growing entrepreneurial ecosystem; and

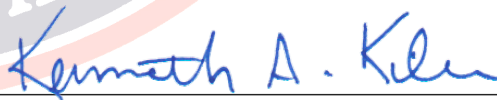
WHEREAS, Carroll County residents are encouraged to continue their support of local small businesses and thank them for their courage, commitment, and contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2025, through February 22, 2025 as

National Entrepreneurship Week

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2025

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY



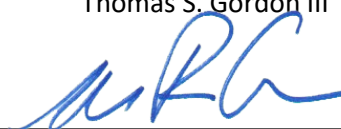
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