



Proclamation

Small Business Month

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone and life blood of local economies in Roeland Park and communities throughout Kansas, and serve as job creators and place-makers in our communities,

WHEREAS, shopping locally allows Roeland Park residents to invest in their own neighborhoods and grow the vibrancy of our city, making the City of Roeland Park a great place to live, work, and play,

WHEREAS, small businesses demonstrated resilience, flexibility, and courage in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impacts, and were a driving force in the economic recovery in Kansas,

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy small business make up 99.1 percent of Kansas businesses (258,012) and employ 50 percent of Kansas employees (601,550),

WHEREAS, small businesses reach communities that have not always benefited from the state's overall robust economic vitality, and serve an important role in access to economic opportunity,

WHEREAS, small businesses and small business support organizations like Chambers of Commerce; small business associations; and other nonprofit service organizations that are key collaborators in advancing equitable economic growth,

WHEREAS, the contributions of our small business sector should be recognized and celebrated by our city,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael Poppa, do hereby proclaim May 2023, to be Small Business Month in the City of Roeland Park, and encourage all community members to celebrate and intentionally patronize local small businesses and thank them for their many contributions to our community.

Michael Poppa, Mayor