

# *Proclamation*

## ***NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK***

**WHEREAS,** America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

**WHEREAS,** from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

**WHEREAS,** small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and

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

**WHEREAS,** because this country's 28 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

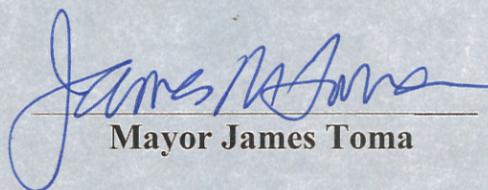
**WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of West Covina, CA 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 communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Toma, Mayor of West Covina,** do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2016 as National Small Business Week.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016



  
**Mayor James Toma**