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HAPPY SMALL BUSINESS MONTH!



THE HISTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

MAY



Initially, Small Business Month was only a week, but this changed when the City of Charlotte began celebrating it for a month and declared May as Small Business Month with an official proclamation by Mayor Vi Lyles. This celebration honors all small businesses and entrepreneurs who play a crucial role in strengthening the economy.

1. Thank small business owners and show your appreciation.
2. You can help small businesses by **investing** in their business and helping them grow.
3. If you started your own business, **share your story** with other beginner business owners and help them succeed.

SMALL BUSINESS MONTH ACTIVITIES



Additional Resources

- [National Today: Small Business Month](#)
- [Chamber of Commerce: Small Business Month](#)

SMALL BUSINESS FACTS

1. Small businesses account for 99.9% of all U.S. businesses.
2. Small businesses create 1.5 million jobs annually.
3. About 70% of small businesses are owned and operated by one person.
4. It takes just six days to start a business in the U.S.
5. Only 50% of small businesses survive for the first five years.