Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

National Women's Small Business Month

WHEREAS, women entrepreneurs across the United States and in the City of Sunrise have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to the vitality, innovation, and economic prosperity of our community through their small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United States is home to millions of women-owned small businesses that generate economic growth, create jobs, inspire further entrepreneurship, and enrich the quality of life in our neighborhoods and cities; and

WHEREAS, women entrepreneurs have been major drivers of America's surging small business economy, with an average of 440,000 new business applications filed each month between 2021 and 2023 a 45 percent increase over the prior four years with women, Latinos, and Black Americans leading this historic growth; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of women small business owners are women of color, reflecting the growing diversity and strength of our entrepreneurial landscape; and

WHEREAS, supporting women-owned small businesses also means supporting families, as 44 percent of women small business owners are mothers with children under the age of 18 in their households; and

WHEREAS, despite lasting challenges, including access to capital, mentorship, markets, regulatory support, and visibility women business owners continue to demonstrate extraordinary resilience, creativity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, when women are included and supported in the small business sector, it strengthens diversity, fosters innovation, and inspires the next generation of young women to pursue entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, during National Women's Small Business Month, it is fitting and proper to recognize and honor the contributions of women entrepreneurs, raise awareness of their challenges, celebrate their successes, and reaffirm our commitment to strengthen resources, policies, and partnerships that foster their continued growth and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as: **National Women's Small Business Month** in the City of Sunrise and urge all to celebrate the achievements of women entrepreneurs, support existing and future women-owned small businesses, and collaborate to ensure that every woman entrepreneur has the opportunity, resources, and support necessary to thrive.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor