



**National Small Business Week in the West Valley Region of Greater Phoenix
May 3–9, 2026 Joint Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the West Valley Region of Greater Phoenix is home to a diverse and growing small business community that strengthens local economies, creates opportunity, and enhances quality of life across our cities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses remain a cornerstone of the American economy - representing 99.9% of U.S. businesses and employing 45.9% of private-sector workers - and their innovation and resilience help fuel long-term community prosperity; and

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration has recognized **National Small Business Week**, and in 2026 it is observed May 3–9, 2026, honoring the ingenuity, dedication, and contributions of America’s small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration has recognized that “hardworking small businesses are the engine of our economy, the heartbeat of our communities,” reflecting the vital role small businesses play in building strong local and national economies; and

WHEREAS, WESTMARC is the leading public-private partnership representing 15 communities, the business sector, and educational institutions across the West Valley, serving as a unifying force to advance the region’s economic vitality; and WESTMARC is helping promote this regional Small Business Week effort; and

WHEREAS, West Valley cities and regional partners share a commitment to supporting small businesses through coordinated outreach, programs, resource connections, and local procurement, helping small businesses start, grow, and thrive across the region; and

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week provides an opportunity for residents, visitors, employers, and community organizations to intentionally support small businesses by shopping local, sharing recommendations, mentoring, and celebrating the small businesses who make the West Valley a great place to live and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the undersigned Mayors and Councils of the West Valley Region do hereby proclaim **May 3-9, 2026**, as **National Small Business Week** in the West Valley Region of Greater Phoenix; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we encourage all residents, businesses, and community partners to celebrate West Valley entrepreneurs, recognize the contributions of small businesses to job creation and community character, and participate in activities and events that uplift and strengthen our regional small business ecosystem.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused this proclamation to be executed on this 5th day of May, 2026.

By: _____
Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor