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Governor Brown Declares May 'California Small Business Month'

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. today issued an official proclamation declaring the month of May as '*California Small Business Month*.'

"This month, we reaffirm our commitment to helping California's small businesses thrive and prosper. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, along with key agencies of state government, works to facilitate economic growth through collaboration with small businesses," said Governor Brown in his proclamation. "Supporting small-scale private-sector job creators is among our most promising strategies to enhance California's human capital, expand job opportunities and increase our competitive advantage in the global marketplace."

The proclamation recognizes the significant economic impact of California's 3.4 million small businesses which account for 99 percent of all California firms and employ more than 52 percent of the state's workforce.

As part of Small Business Month, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) will participate in a number of small business events around the state. These events are designed to connect small business owners with the resources and tools they need to succeed as well as to recognize their role in California's recovery. GO-Biz's regional partners at the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) will also host a series of free small business events and seminars in every region of the state.

For information on upcoming events, visit the GO-Biz: [Calendar of Events](#)

For small business seminars and resources in your area, visit: [California SBDC Network](#)

For the text of the proclamation, visit the Governor's Website: <http://gov.ca.gov>

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information visit, www.business.ca.gov