Executive Department
State of California

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California is home to the most innovative and competitive firms in the world, placing us consistently among the top ten economies in the world. The vast majority of these businesses employ 500 or fewer workers. Small businesses embody the risk-taking, entrepreneurial spirit that as always animated and driven the economy of our Golden State.

In these turbulent economic times, it is the small business owners who are leading the charge back to prosperity and job creation. Well over half of our private-sector labor force is working hard in a small business to produce innovative and high-quality goods and services for the worldwide market in which California is a key player.

In an effort to reaffirm our commitment to small businesses, I have charged the Governor's Office of Economic Development, along with key agencies of state government, with the mission of facilitating economic growth through collaboration with small businesses, promotion of technical assistance and procurement opportunities, partnerships with economic and workforce development agencies, and facilitation of networking across the economy. We can bring together all people and organizations that support the wealth creators to help focus the power of their contributions to expanding our economy.

When we, along with all of our partners in local and national organizations, support private sector job creators, we enhance the human and capital infrastructure of California, thereby expanding job opportunities while simultaneously increasing our competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2011, as "Small Business Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of April 2011.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State