

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 431

Recognizing the month of October 2023 as “National Women’s Small Business Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COONS, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Ms. BUTLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are more than 12,000,000 women-owned businesses in the United States;

Whereas women-owned businesses generate \$1,800,000,000,000 in total revenue;

Whereas women-owned businesses employ more than 9,230,000 workers;

Whereas 38 percent of small businesses are women-owned;

Whereas women entrepreneurs continue to face challenges in Federal contracting, mentorship, and access to capital; and

Whereas the celebration of “National Women’s Small Business Month” would honor the efforts of women business owners and women entrepreneurs and recognize the significance of the contributions of these business owners and entrepreneurs to the small business community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the month of October 2023 as
3 “National Women’s Small Business Month”;

4 (2) honors the vital role of women small busi-
5 ness owners and women entrepreneurs in the United
6 States during “National Women’s Small Business
7 Month”;

8 (3) recognizes the significant contributions of
9 women small business owners and women entre-
10 preneurs to the small business community;

11 (4) supports and encourages young women en-
12 trepreneurs to pursue their passions and create more
13 start-up businesses;

14 (5) recognizes the importance of creating poli-
15 cies that promote a business-friendly environment

1 for small business owners that is free of unnecessary
2 and burdensome regulations and red tape; and

3 (6) supports efforts to—

4 (A) encourage consumers to shop locally;
5 and

6 (B) increase awareness of the value of lo-
7 cally-owned small businesses and the impact of
8 women-owned small businesses on the economy
9 of the United States.

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