

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ventures are the driving force of the necessary creativity, innovation and employment growth that leads the City of Lake Wales' economic development, and provides the products and services that keep our county strong and builds opportunities and prosperity across our county; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Wales recognizes that entrepreneurship builds and strengthens a sustainable local business economy and is the most effective stimulus for the revitalization of our community, and is committed to creating a nurturing environment that encourages and supports entrepreneurs through its partnership with the Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida and

WHEREAS, The Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida provides no-cost consulting and low-cost training, delivering tools, plans and expertise to City of Lake Wales entrepreneurs to accelerate their growth and success in a competitive market.

WHEREAS, May 12 through May 16, 2014 has been designated as "Small Business Week" in the City of Lake Wales.

WHEREAS, we call upon the citizens of Lake Wales to join us in this observance as we celebrate the accomplishments of small business owners and their employees and encourage the development of new small businesses, creating 21st century jobs, driving innovation and increasing the City of Lake Wales' competitiveness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eugene Fultz, as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, hereby proclaim the week of May 12 through May 16, 2014 as

"SMALL BUSINESS WEEK"

I call upon all citizens to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the competitiveness of our economy with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 6th day of May 2014.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor