



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2022 AS
NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States is veteran-owned -- from Main Street store fronts to virtual high-tech startups that advance America, veteran owned small businesses are a pillar of our economy and contribute to the foundation of our nation; and

WHEREAS, veteran small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their military service and committed to serving our country and communities; and

WHEREAS, when we resolve ourselves to strengthen our communities, we must empower and support the giants that veteran entrepreneurs are in our economy; and

WHEREAS, National Veterans Small Business Week highlights the programs and services available to veteran entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and resource partners like Boots to Business and the Veterans Business Outreach Center; and

WHEREAS, New Albany supports and joins in this national effort to help America's veteran-owned small businesses start, grow, and recover after a disaster and help our communities thrive.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, declare **October 31 to November 4, 2022** as **National Veterans Small Business Week** and encourage citizens to visit and celebrate veteran-owned businesses locally and across the country.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 1st day of November, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor