



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, President Obama first declared National Veterans Small Business Week in 2014 to recognize the vital role veterans and their spouses play in our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2017 Small Business Association (SBA) report reflects that nine percent of all U.S. companies are veteran-owned, culminating in more than two million businesses with five million employees and nearly 200 billion dollars in paychecks; and

**WHEREAS**, veteran-owned businesses are a critical pillar of the United States economy. Through entrepreneurship and business ownership, these veterans continue their service by not only contributing to the economy but also by creating economic opportunities for other Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic and Business Development Commission (EBDC) is composed of volunteers from the community, appointed by the Township Committee, who act as liaison, between the business community and Township officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Economic & Business Development/Sustainability acts as the catalyst for the Economic and Business Development Commission's mission to encourage development by attracting, retaining, and assisting businesses to expand and grow in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of October 31st through November 5th is recognized to shine a light on, continue to raise awareness, and encourage support for veteran-owned businesses.

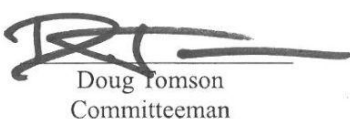
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that we, the Mayor and Township Committee, do hereby proclaim October 31st through November 5th as National Veterans Small Business Week and celebrate the rich contributions made by Hillsborough Township's veteran-owned businesses, while acknowledging the growth and accomplishments of veteran entrepreneurs, and the vital roles they play in our economy.

  
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