

Independents Week PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Independents Week provides a time to celebrate the independence of the citizens of this great State of [State] and the entrepreneurial spirit represented by our local independent businesses; and

Whereas, the individual decisions every one of us makes today affect the future of [State] and its many communities; and

Whereas, [State's] local independent businesses help preserve the uniqueness of the communities we call "home" and give us a sense of place; and

Whereas, [State's] independently-owned businesses give back to our communities in goods, services, time and talent; and

Whereas, the health of [State's] economy and that of each community within it depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors; and

Whereas, [State's] independent business owners and employees enrich our purchasing experiences with their knowledge & passion;

Therefore, as we celebrate Independents Week of July 1 – 7 20__, we acknowledge that the well being of [State] and all of our communities lies within each of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Governor of the State of _____, do hereby proclaim the week of July 1 – 7, 2017 as: *Independents Week* and salute our citizens and local independent businesses who are integral to the unique flavor of [State] and honor their efforts to make our communities the places we want to live and work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the State of _____ to be affixed this _____ day of _____, 20__