Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sioux Falls has a rich history of entrepreneurship and has fostered the creation of thousands of businesses of all shapes and sizes. Sioux Falls' homegrown businesses have created jobs, driven innovation, attracted capital and provided needed goods and services to our region.

WHEREAS, Sioux Falls was recently recognized as the number one small city for business and careers by Forbes Magazine. Forbes selected Sioux Falls for its job growth, low cost of living, low cost of running a business, income growth, economic growth, quality of life and the education of its workforce.

WHEREAS, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses and startups in the United States, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States. Small businesses and startups are also responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created between 2000 and 2017.

WHEREAS, the Zeal Center for Entrepreneurship, the 1 Million Cups Community, the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, the USD Discovery District and the City of Sioux Falls have worked and continue to work collaboratively to foster the growth of startups and small business in the Sioux Falls community.

WHEREAS, the 1 Million Cups community has told the stories of more than 200 entrepreneurs in the last five years. Many individuals have been inspired to start their own businesses, have identified business partners and collaboration opportunities and have developed valuable business connections by participating in 1 Million Cups on a weekly basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul TenHaken, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2019, as:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

in Sioux Falls and wish the best of luck to the thousands of entrepreneurs, creators and innovators building businesses and driving innovation in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 6th day of March, 2019.

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Paul TenHaken, Mayor