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S. RES. 612

Recognizing women-owned small businesses for National Small Business Week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2022

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

MAY 18 (legislative day, MAY 17), 2022

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing women-owned small businesses for National Small Business Week.

Whereas the United States proudly recognizes small businesses as the backbone of the economy and acknowledges the impactful contributions of women entrepreneurs throughout the United States who are pushing small businesses to succeed;

Whereas, because female professionals, leaders, and small business owners play a vital role in the economy of the United States, when the United States empowers women, it empowers the entire economy;

Whereas women entrepreneurs provide critical goods and services, create high-paying jobs, build stronger supply chains for the United States, and play an integral role in Federal contracting and procurement;

Whereas women small business owners are key job creators and employers that are building a legacy for the next generation of businesswomen;

Whereas, according to the 2019 Annual Business Survey conducted by the Census Bureau, women-owned businesses employed more than 10,000,000 workers and accumulated \$1,800,000,000,000 in receipts;

Whereas women-owned businesses make up more than 20 percent of all employer firms in the United States;

Whereas the vast majority of all women-owned businesses are classified as small businesses;

Whereas National Small Business Week takes place from May 1 to May 7, 2022, and recognizes the critical contributions of the entrepreneurs and small business owners of the United States; and

Whereas women-owned small businesses should be celebrated for their accomplishments and contributions during National Small Business Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) acknowledges the important role women-
3 owned small businesses have in the economy of the
4 United States; and

- 1 (2) commits to supporting women-owned small
- 2 businesses by recognizing those businesses during
- 3 National Small Business Week.

