



BOROUGH OF  
**LEWISBURG**  
PENNSYLVANIA

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**“National Small Business Week – May 3-9, 2026”**

*Celebrating the entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, and dreamers who make Lewisburg’s downtown one of the most distinctive – and delightful – in all of Pennsylvania.*

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are the beating heart of Lewisburg's economic and cultural identity, lining Market Street and the surrounding blocks with locally owned shops, restaurants, galleries, and service providers that no algorithm could ever replicate — places where the owner knows your name, your order, and probably your dog's name too;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development designates May 3–9, 2026, as Small Business Week to honor entrepreneurs and the extraordinary contributions they make to local economies, job creation, and the fabric of community life;

**WHEREAS**, every dollar spent at a Lewisburg small business has a way of going places — circulating through our local economy, supporting area farmers and suppliers, sponsoring the Little League team, and funding the kind of civic life that makes this Borough worth living in;

**WHEREAS**, Lewisburg's small businesses do not succeed alone — they are supported by a network of dedicated organizations including Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, the Bucknell University, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Covation Center and SEDA-COG, whose technical assistance, advocacy, and investment help entrepreneurs start, grow, and stay rooted in this community;

**WHEREAS**, the resilience shown by Lewisburg's small business community through economic disruption, a global pandemic, and the ever-shifting tides of retail is nothing short of remarkable — a testament to the grit, creativity, and stubborn optimism of our entrepreneurs, who kept the lights on when it wasn't easy and kept showing up for this community anyway;

**WHEREAS**, behind every storefront on Market Street is a story — a risk taken, a loan signed, a dream pursued, often by someone who chose Lewisburg specifically because they believed in what this town could be;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Borough of Lewisburg does hereby declare May 3–9, 2026, as **Small Business Week** in Lewisburg — and calls on every resident to shop local, dine local, tip generously, leave a five-star review, and tell your out-of-town friends that yes, Lewisburg really is as good as it sounds.

Kendy Alvarez  
Mayor, Borough of Lewisburg  
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