

Senate Resolution 1040

By: Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Watson of the 1st and Hickman of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May 4–10, 2026, as Small Business Week; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and play a vital
3 role in the economic vitality, innovation, and job creation within the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in Chatham County, small businesses represent a significant portion of the
5 business community, contributing to a diverse and resilient local economy while providing
6 essential goods, services, and employment opportunities to residents; and
- 7 WHEREAS, small businesses foster entrepreneurship, strengthen community identity, and
8 enhance the quality of life by supporting local initiatives, investing in neighborhoods, and
9 creating pathways for economic mobility; and
- 10 WHEREAS, according to state data in Georgia, small businesses employs more than 40
11 percent of the private workforce and are responsible for a substantial share of new job
12 creation, demonstrating their critical importance to sustained economic growth; and

13 WHEREAS, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and its partners, including, work
14 year-round to support small businesses through advocacy, education, networking, and access
15 to resources, ensuring their continued success and growth; and

16 WHEREAS, Small Business Week provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the
17 achievements, resilience, and contributions of small business owners and their employees;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the dedication, ingenuity, and hard work of small
20 business owners who drive innovation and economic prosperity in our communities.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize May 4–10, 2026, as Small Business Week and celebrate the small businesses that
23 are vital to the success and strength of our local and state economy.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
26 press.