



**House Bill 122 -- *General Provisions - Commemorative Month - Small Business Month*
House Government Operations Committee
March 14, 2024
Support**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports House Bill 122 -- *General Provisions - Commemorative Month - Small Business Month*.

House Bill 122 requires the Governor to annually proclaim the month of May as Small Business Month in recognition of the contribution that small businesses have made to the State. The bill further requires that the proclamation urge citizens and organizations to observe Small Business Month properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

There are many ways to support small businesses in Maryland. While it may seem like a minor gesture, a legislative proclamation that May is Small Business Month is a meaningful acknowledgement of the importance of the small business community to the State of Maryland.

The Montgomery County Chamber's membership consists largely of small businesses, and many of them are minority-owned or women-owned enterprises. These businesses have and continue to overcome numerous challenges and should be honored for their entrepreneurial spirit with a Small Business Month.

Additionally, many small businesses in Metro Maryland and throughout the State are veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran owned businesses who have overcome significant adversity to succeed in a multitude of business sectors, including information technology, cybersecurity, and government contracting.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber supports House Bill 122 and requests a favorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our nearly 500 members, advocates for growth in business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success.

Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and a proud Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

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