

# Proclamation

**Whereas** Independent Retailer Month provides a time to celebrate the independence of the citizens of our great country and the entrepreneurial spirit represented by our local independent retailers; and...

**Whereas** the individual decisions we make today shape the future of our communities; and...

**Whereas** local independent retailers help preserve the uniqueness of the communities we call “home” and give us a sense of place; and...

**Whereas** independently-owned retailers give back to our communities in goods, services, time and talent; and...

**Whereas** the health of our economy and that of each community depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors; and...

**Whereas** independent retailer owners and employees enrich our purchasing experiences with their knowledge & passion...

**Therefore,** as we celebrate Independent Retailer Month, we acknowledge that the well-being of all of our communities lies within each of us.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,**

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(Official Title)

do hereby proclaim the month of July as **INDEPENDENT RETAILER MONTH** and salute our citizens and local independent retailers who are integral to the unique flavor of our country and honor their efforts to make our communities the places we want to live and work.

In witness whereof, I hereby set my hand and cause my signature to be affixed this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_