

## PROCLAMATION

## Special Recognition of National Small Business Week

**WHEREAS**, small businesses constitute an estimated 98%, or more, of Hudson's and our Nation's economy; and,

WHEREAS, we in Hudson and the communities of Summit County, as well as our surrounding counties, are appreciative of small businesses for helping our cities, villages, and townships to prosper; and,

WHEREAS, financial assistance provided by America's Small Business Administration (SBA) supports small businesses, which is especially helpful for recovery during difficult economic times; and,

WHEREAS, Akron SCORE Chapter 81, serving Summit, Medina, Portage and Wayne Counties, helped more than 2,700 clients in 2012 with counseling and workshops worth approximately \$1.6 million, if supplied by a for-profit counseling firm, but were supplied FREE by the 66 Akron SCORE counselors, resulting in 42 new businesses started and 164 jobs created, plus 63 businesses that grew their businesses, totaling \$3.2 million in growth; and,

WHEREAS, economic development leaders in Hudson believe that small business should be recognized as a major source of future economic growth in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William A. Currin, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 as:

## "Small Business Week in the City of Hudson"

and encourage all Hudson residents to join in celebrating the cornerstone of America's commerce, its small businesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

William A. Currin, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio