

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY 2026 AS
INDEPENDENT RETAILER MONTH
IN THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, NC**

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

Whereas, 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, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, along with members of the Town Council, 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.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor