



PROCLAMATION

Small Business Development Center Day

WHEREAS, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners celebrates our local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 46.8% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Florida SBDC at UCF – Sumter County offers no cost, one-on-one professional business consulting, value-added training and business information resources to its clients.

WHEREAS, The Florida SBDC at UCF provides confidential and customized consulting services in such areas as business planning, financial analysis, sales/marketing and many others.

WHEREAS, The Florida SBDC at UCF conducts training seminars and workshops covering the basics of starting a business, marketing, financing, legal issues and writing a business plan.

WHEREAS, in 2021-2022 the FL SBDC at UCF-Sumter County secured \$2.4M in capital financing and \$19.2M in Government Contracts for local businesses, assisted with the creation of 21 new businesses and added 38 new jobs working with operations within Sumter County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida hereby proclaims:

**Wednesday, March 15th as:
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER DAY**

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 14th day of March 2023, Sumter County, Florida

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY

Melissa Elliot
Deputy Clerk

Craig A. Estep
Chairman