



Message from the Honourable Bruce Ralston
Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology



On behalf of Premier John Horgan and the Government of British Columbia, I am pleased to recognize Global Entrepreneurship Week (Nov. 12 to 18, 2018) and the contributions that entrepreneurs make in strengthening the economy, fostering innovation and creating good jobs for people in B.C. and around the world.

I want to acknowledge Futupreneur Canada, the official Canadian host of the 2018 Global Entrepreneurship Week, for bringing people together to raise the profile of entrepreneurship and empower young aspiring entrepreneurs. I also commend the organization's efforts for fuelling a passion for business among young entrepreneurs, and for providing them with the resources they need to thrive in this industry.

This year, more than 165 countries are celebrating Global Entrepreneurship Week through various activities that will open the door to exciting opportunities for entrepreneurs. From facilitating networking events to connecting entrepreneurs with mentors and investors, Global Entrepreneurship Week ignites entrepreneurial spirit and helps people advance in their business journey.

Entrepreneurs and small businesses are the core of our communities and the backbone of our economy. The small business sector is home to more than 490,000 small businesses employing over one million people throughout the province in 2017.

We are grateful for the tremendous contributions that entrepreneurs and small businesses bring to B.C. The province has a strong, innovative and sustainable economy, in large part due to the strength of our small business sector. We are committed to continuing to find ways to support small businesses and the people who create and lead them through initiatives like the Export Navigator pilot and the Small Business Task Force, and cutting the small business tax rate and the PST on non-residential electricity to help make B.C. small businesses more competitive.

During Global Entrepreneurship Week, let's join the world's largest celebration of entrepreneurs who are creating good family-supporting jobs, bolstering our communities and driving economic growth.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Ralston
Minister Jobs, Trade and Technology



GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

Certificate of Recognition

I, Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development
in the Province of Saskatchewan
in exercise of the powers conferred upon me,
do hereby designate the week of
November 12 - 18, 2018 to be:

"Global Entrepreneurship Week" in Saskatchewan

And I request the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan to
recognize this week.

Dated at the City of Regina this 2nd day of November, 2018.



MINISTER

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Thursday, November 15, 2018

Statement from The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade

“Alberta small businesses have a bigger economic impact than small businesses any where in Canada –

They create hundreds of thousands of jobs, where people can earn a good living for themselves and their families.

So let me start by also congratulating all of Alberta’s entrepreneurs for helping us grow and diversify the economy.

Small businesses make an enormous contribution to the provincial economy – generating \$100 billion dollars in GDP each year.

We want to help them continue to thrive as they create jobs and grow our economy.

That’s why we cut the small business tax by a third, ensuring we continue to pay billions less total tax than any other province... even with our carbon levy.

We also listened to small business owners and created new tax credits other provinces have enjoyed for decades.

We restored training programs for new entrepreneurs – while adding an array of supports for established one.

Futurpreneur is an important partner in providing those supports, helping dozens of entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses in our province last year alone.

Today we are seeing positive results.

Small business confidence is up. The BDC says 35% of small businesses here are looking to hire more staff this year, and 73% say they will invest more in their business in 2018.

Business starts are also up. Since January, more than 26,000 businesses have incorporated in Alberta.

Today more Albertans than ever before are working in this province – and we want to see that number grow.

That is why Global Entrepreneurship Week is so exciting.

Our province is the best places to live and work – and full of opportunities.”