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**Commissioners Honor Small Businesses**

**Leonardtown, MD** - St. Mary's County and its commissioners took time to acknowledge the contributions made by its many small businesses to the economic growth and quality of life in the county, throughout the state and across the country by declaring May 2016 Small Business Month.

St. Mary's County, in partnership with local organizations, provides support for small businesses that represent major opportunities for economic development, innovation, growth, and expansion in our communities.

"Small businesses generate a large percentage of jobs in St. Mary's County, and a large majority of our small businesses employ fewer than five people," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt (2<sup>nd</sup> District). "Government contributes to small business growth through its economic growth strategy and various business growth incentive programs."

In proclaiming Small Business Month, the commissioners asked citizens to join with them in their continuing support of the numerous small businesses that form the heart of the St. Mary's County business community.

*Photos from the ceremony can be found on the county's photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/>. Media outlets may publish photos from the photo page with the MANDATORY COURTESY: **"Photo courtesy St. Mary's County Public Information Office."***

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