



Proclamation

Entrepreneurship Week

February 14 – 21, 2026

Whereas, entrepreneurs have existed since individuals were first permitted to own and operate their own businesses; however, the term entrepreneur did not appear until 1723. There are nearly 31 million small businesses across the United States, with entrepreneurs and small businesses forming the backbone of the nation's economy; and

Whereas, in 2006, the National Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education and the Kauffman Foundation took the initiative to work with the 109th Congress, which led to the designation of the third week of February every year as National Entrepreneurship Week; and

Whereas, this congressionally recognized initiative promotes the core values of diversity, inclusion, equity, education, and collaboration within America's entrepreneurship ecosystem and the network of stakeholders who support entrepreneurs nationwide; and

Whereas, during this week, and as the City of Manteca works toward a stronger future, youth and residents are encouraged to explore innovative ways entrepreneurship education can unite academic, technical, and problem-solving skills essential to the success of tomorrow's entrepreneurs; and

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, proclaim February 14 – 21, 2026, as Entrepreneurship Week and encourage all residents to join in recognizing, supporting, and celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit that helps shape our community.

DATE: February 17, 2026

Mayor Gary Singh