

PROCLAMATION
Independents Week
July 1 – 7, 2013

WHEREAS, Independents Week provides a time to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit represented by our core of local independent businesses; and

WHEREAS, the individual decisions every community member makes today affect the future of Elizabeth City; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth City's local independent businesses help preserve the uniqueness of the community and give us a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth City's core of independently-owned businesses give back to this community in goods, services, time and talent; and

WHEREAS, the health of Elizabeth City's economy depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth City's independent business owners and employees enrich community members' shopping experiences with their knowledge and passion. Therefore, as we celebrate Independents Week 2013, we acknowledge that the ability to choose the direction of Elizabeth City lies within each of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, do hereby proclaim the week of July 1-7 2013, as "Independents Week" and salute our community members and locally owned independent businesses who are integral to the unique flavor of Elizabeth City and honor their efforts to make Elizabeth City the place we want to live and work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Elizabeth City to be affixed this 24th day of June, 2013.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk