HR 5050: The Women's Business Ownership Act

26 Years of The Women's Business Ownership Act

1975

National Association of Women Business Owners created

Lobbies for House Resolution 5050

"This landmark piece of legislation ushered in a transformation in women's enterprise development."

—**Billie Dragoo,**Past Chair of

NAWBO

"It has proven to be the fuel that has opened eyes, changed hearts and minds, and allowed us to measure progress and point out continued gaps."

—Julie Weeks,

President and CEO of Womenable

October 25th, 1988

Ronald Reagan signs HR 5050 into law

The Women's Business Ownership Act

Established the National Women's Business Council

Eliminated all State Laws requiring male co-sign for business loans

Improved how women owned businesses were counted by the Census Bureau

Initiated Women's Business Centers for training, education, and counseling

1997-2013 in the United States

54% Increase in women owned businesses

1.5x More than businesses overall

10% Increase in employment among women owned businesses

Overall revenue increase by women owned businesses

57% Increase in \$10 million revenue companies owned by women compared to...

38% Increase among all \$10 million cos.

Today in the United States

29% 9.1 Million

of all businesses are owned by women, providing:

\$1.4 Trillion \$3 Trillion

7.9 Million

In Revenue

Annual Economic Impact

Jobs

The Geography of Women Owned Businesses

STATES with the fastest growth

METRO AREAS with the fastest growth

CITIES with the most firms



Industries with the highest concentration of WOBs

53% Health Care and Social Assistance

45% Educational Services

44% Administration and Waste Services

Industries with the lowest concentration of WOBs

7% Construction

11% Transportation and Warehousing

20% Finance and Insurance

Women Owned Businesses Around the Globe

37% 224 Million

of businesses are owned by women in 67 countries

126 Million Are starting or running a new business

In Emerging Markets,

90%

35%

Women

Men

of every dollar earned is reinvested in their family's education, health, and nutrition. 98 Million Have been operating their business for over 3½ years

112 Million Employ other people and create jobs

12 Million Expect to hire up to six people in the next five years



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