



Proclamation

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

09 November 2015

WHEREAS, Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare; and

WHEREAS, Global Entrepreneurship Week celebrates international, national, and local innovation and entrepreneurship through local, national, and global activities designed to help Bermuda's residents explore their potential as self-starters and innovators; and

WHEREAS, during one week each November, thousands of events and competitions around the world inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity while connecting them potential collaborators, mentors and even investors – building and strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems around the world; and

WHEREAS, these activities, from large-scale competitions to teaching entrepreneurial skills in our local schools, introducing people to new possibilities and exciting entrepreneurial opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the initiative kicked off in 2008, and has grown to more than 160 countries – with nearly 10,000 partner organisations planning more than 25,000 activities that directly engage more than 10 million people; and

WHEREAS, with so many new jobs in entrepreneurial economies coming from firms less than five years old, leaders around the world are looking to reinvigorate their economies by focusing on ways to stimulate new firm formation; and

WHEREAS, Bermuda embraces the entrepreneurial spirit, exploring new ideas, seizing opportunities, and acting upon them in a spirited culture of innovation to create 21st century jobs, a vibrant economy, and a working Bermuda;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Fahy, JP, Minister of Home Affairs, in celebration of the role that entrepreneurs play in Bermuda, and the consistent striving towards innovation in addressing today's problems and needs, do hereby proclaim November 16 to 22, 2015 as

2015 Global Entrepreneurship Week and the month of **November** as **Global Entrepreneurship Month**

I urge all people in Bermuda to join me in this special observance.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK: UNLEASHING IDEAS

Signed this day, Monday, 09 November 2015

*Senator, The Honourable Michael M. Fahy, JP
Minister of Home Affairs*