Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. More than half of Americans either own a small business or work for one. And small businesses create roughly 2 out of every 3 new jobs in this country each year.

To recognize those contributions, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is hosting a number of events during National Small Business Week, which is May 5th-11th this year. Here’s how you can get involved:

- Join the conversation on Twitter with #SmallBusinessWeek.
- Watch live events on the SBA’s Facebook page.
- Register for a hackathon in Washington, D.C.

Learn more at: https://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week

DID YOU KNOW?

It’s more expensive to pay rent than it is to pay a mortgage.

In 42 states, it is actually cheaper to pay a mortgage than a lease right now. The other 8 states (plus Washington D.C.) actually have lower rental rates than typical mortgages.


Save 25% on customary and usual attorney fees, and/or legal assistant or paralegal fees under the expanded coverage benefit with Legal Resources. Small business matters fall under this category, including representation for routine business or commercial matters. To see if you qualify, contact our Member Services Department today.
Q: I received a letter from the IRS, and I don’t understand what it means. Can an attorney review this with me?

A: Great question! Tax law matters are covered under our Expanded Coverage Benefit, where the initial consultation of up to an hour is provided at no cost. You’ll receive a 25% discount on the attorney’s usual fees thereafter. Please contact our Member Services Department at 800.728.5768 if you have any additional questions.

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**SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

**MOTHER’S DAY GIFT IDEAS**

If small businesses are the backbone of the economy, mothers are the backbone of the world. Here are a few great Mother’s Day gift ideas to let the moms in your life know how much they’re appreciated:

**Initial Necklace**
Good for: Sentimental Moms
You can find these customizable necklaces (or bracelets) everywhere from Etsy to high-end jewelry stores.

**Facial Steamer**
Good for: Time-Starved Moms
When a weekly spa visit isn’t realistic, a professional at-home facial steamer can give the same glow in less than 10 minutes.

**Furbo Pet Camera**
Good for: Dog Moms
Watch, talk to, and throw treats to fur babies when you’re away from home with this two-way camera and app-enabled treat dispenser.

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**MEMBER TESTIMONIALS**

The plan was an excellent resource when updating our will, and was also tremendously helpful recently in dealing with a traffic ticket. These would have been much more complicated without Legal Resources at my side. I can honestly say that this benefit is well worth the cost.

-Bernard L.

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**MISSION:**

The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

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**Hey Siri, Listen Up!**

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**A:**

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