

Nixon Designates This Week Small Business Week

President Richard M. Nixon has designated the week of May 14 - 20 as Small Business Week.

In his proclamation President Nixon said, "It is no curious accident that from earliest times, the expansion of America's frontier was closely paralleled by the robust growth of our Nation's free enterprise system. America's small business community is one of the most extraordinary economic forces in the history of mankind.

"There are now more than 8 million small businesses in this country. An unprecedented 287,000 new companies were incorporated just last year. 19 out of every 20 firms are considered small business, and they provide more than 35 million jobs and contribute more than

370 billion dollars to the gross national product."

The 5th Annual Subcontractors Conference and Small Business Awards Luncheon was held Tuesday, May 16, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. Various speakers from Government a-

gencies, private and enterprise and Capitol Hill addressed the conference.

On May 18 through 19, members of SBA's National Advisory Council and other prominent small businessmen from across the nation will meet for a two day conference in the St. Francis

Hotel in San Francisco.

The workshop-style meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Mary Lou Grier, Boerne, Texas, Chairman of the Council. During the conference, James E. Cline, a Marysville, Missouri banker, will be installed as new chairman of Council.