

**W**hen in the Course of human Events, it becomes appropriate for communities to assert their independence, to denounce uniformity and celebrate their uniqueness, a respect for freedom and human creativity requires local businesses and peoples to declare those elements which make them unique.



**AMIBA** will celebrate *Independents Week*  
July 1-7, 2005  
*Please join us!*

Our local IBA affiliates will be organizing local promotions and activities to raise the profile of locally-owned independent businesses in their communities through highlighting their good work in the community, the importance of maintaining space for entrepreneurship, and through personalizing them for community members. We're once again inviting locally-owned independent businesses and the organizations that help them to join us through endorsement and involvement this year. We were pleased to partner last year with the ABA and its members for Independents Week—we look forward to working together again in 2005.

We have developed templates and how-to's for program and suggested activities for participants to use. Participants are in charge of generating local media coverage, local planning, and encouraging their municipal governments to declare July 1-7 *Independents Week*. AMIBA will submit national press releases that will lead the media to participating communities, businesses and organizations.

Please contact AMIBA for more information or to let us know you'd like to join in the celebration. (406) 582-1255 or [info@AMIBA.net](mailto:info@AMIBA.net).