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## SMALL BUSINESS OWNER'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION By: ROBERT KLUTHO, CPA



As we enter 2016, it is time to change some financial habits to make your small business run better and reduce your stress.

- 1. Keep your business expenses and personal expenses separate. I suggest using one credit card for business expenses and a different credit card for personal expenses.
- 2. Enter your all your business transactions into an accounting program such as QuickBooks.

By maintaining financial records, you will be able to make better business decisions.

- 3. Reconcile your bank accounts on a monthly basis. You generally have 30 days from the bank statement date to report an error.
- 4. Keep track of your business miles. The IRS requires that business miles be documented on a contemporaneous basis. Recreating a mileage log after the fact will not hold up under IRS exam.

Here's to a successful 2016 for your business.

Happy New Year!!!