

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States who represent 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 47.5% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

WHEREAS, 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

WHEREAS, 73% of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family; and

WHEREAS, the most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and

WHEREAS, Washington, IL celebrates and supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL, I, GARY W. MANIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018 AS:

“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

and encourage the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST: _____
Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk

Gary W. Manier, Mayor