



## *City of Washington, Illinois*

### *Proclamation*

**Whereas**, the government of the CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**Whereas**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 62% of net new jobs created since 1995 and small businesses employ 46.8% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**Whereas**, 79% of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday®, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small®, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

**Whereas**, 58% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business and 54% reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2021; and

**Whereas**, the CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS, 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**, I, MAYOR GARY MANIER, Mayor of the CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS do hereby proclaim, November 26, 2022, as:

### *Small Business Saturday*

**and** urge 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 21st day of November, 2022.

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valeri L Brod, City Clerk