



City of
VESTAVIA HILLS
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the government of Vestavia Hills, Alabama 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 currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States and they represent 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 66% of the 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, 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; 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, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, in Alabama have endorsed the Saturday before Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ashley C. Curry, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Vestavia Hills in the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as

SMALL BUSINESS NOVEMBER

and urge the residents of Vestavia Hills to Shop, Dine, Play in Vestavia Hills and to support small businesses and merchants this month and throughout the year.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Vestavia Hills to be affixed this the 15th day of October 2018.



Ashley C. Curry
Mayor