

# Proclamation

CITY OF ORLANDO - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando celebrates our city's 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; they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017 and small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** ninety percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community and 89 percent of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

**WHEREAS,** Orlando 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, BUDDY DYER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO,** hereby do proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018, as

**“Small Business Day”**

in the City of Orlando.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.*



*Buddy Dyer*  
MAYOR