



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

The City of Springfield, Massachusetts, celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS,

Small businesses employ over 47.5 percent of employees in private sector in the United States. 90 percent of consumers in the United States say that Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community. 91 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support small businesses that they value in their community and agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS,

The City of Springfield joins with the Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) and the Small Business Saturday Coalition in supporting our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods. Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

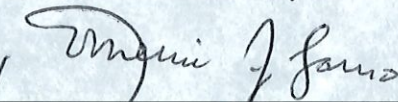
Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

Saturday, November 24, 2018 as

"Small Business Saturday"

In the City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage every resident to support our small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR

*"Continued success of
God Bless!"*