

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Michigan, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions 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 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

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States, and 90 percent of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community by preservation of the neighborhoods that compose the landscape of our local economy and enriches its unique culture; and

WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumer who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long. 73 percent 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 (64%); and

WHEREAS, Jackson, Michigan, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

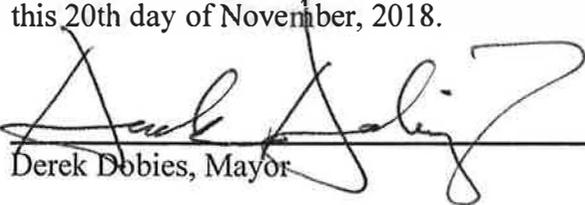
WHEREAS, advocacy groups including the Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), and Small Business Saturday Coalition, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEREK DOBIES, MAYOR, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Michigan, by virtue of the power vested in me under the Charter of the City, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Jackson, Michigan, to be affixed this 20th day of November, 2018.


Derek Dobies, Mayor

