

# Proclamation

## *"Small Business Saturday"*

**Whereas**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States. They employ 47.5% of the employees in the U.S. private sector and are responsible for about 66% of the *new* jobs created in this country from 2000 to 2017; and

**Whereas**, a majority of consumers say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community by encouraging people to "Shop Small" at local businesses on Small Business Saturday and all year long; and

**Whereas**, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**Whereas**, the City of Thomasville supports its local, independently-owned retailers and restaurants that create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve our communities; and

**Now, Therefore**, I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of Thomasville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

### ***SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY***

And I 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.

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



*Raleigh York, Jr.*  
Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor