



# Proclamation

**Whereas:** The Town of Brookhaven wishes to celebrate our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7% of American employer firms, are responsible for 65.9% of 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; 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and 73% of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family. The most reported reason (64%) for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and

**Whereas:** Brookhaven Township supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the nation have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday. We urge all Brookhaven residents as well as communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on this particular Saturday and throughout the year.

**Now, Therefore, I,** Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor of the Town of Brookhaven and the members of the Town Council, on behalf of Brookhaven's 500,000 residents do hereby take great pride in proclaiming Saturday, November 24th, 2018 as

## Small Business Saturday in the Town of Brookhaven

*Edward P. Romaine*  
Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor

*Valerie M. Cartright*  
Valerie M. Cartright, Councilwoman  
District 1

*Jane Bonner*  
Jane Bonner, Councilwoman  
District 2

*Kevin LaValle*  
Kevin LaValle, Councilman  
District 3

*Michael Loguercio*  
Michael Loguercio, Councilman  
District 4

*Neil Foley*  
Neil Foley, Councilman  
District 5

*Daniel Panico*  
Daniel Panico, Councilman  
District 6

*Daniel P. Losquadro*  
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Highway Superintendent

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Donna Lent  
Town Clerk

*Louis Marcoccia*  
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Receiver of Taxes

