

**CITY OF HERMITAGE  
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, the City of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, celebrates our 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% of all businesses with employees in the United States and 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; and

**Whereas**, 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

**Whereas**, 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

**Whereas**, 73% 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**, the City of Hermitage, Pennsylvania 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE HERMITAGE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HERMITAGE HEREBY PROCLAIMS BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:**


The Hermitage Board of Commissioners, on behalf of all Hermitage residents, urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year and does hereby proclaim November 24, 2018 as **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HERMITAGE, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.**


ATTEST:

  
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Gary P. Hinkson, City Manager

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