

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the government of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 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 99.7 percent of all business 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 in the private sector in the United States; and

Whereas, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

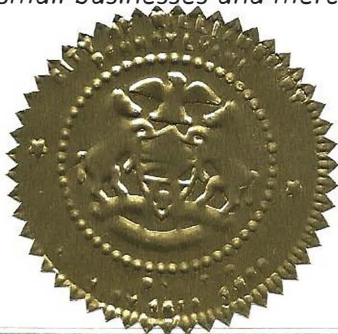
Whereas, Williamsport, Pennsylvania supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

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, I, Mayor Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor of the Great City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And 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.



Gabriel J. Campana
Mayor, Gabriel J. Campana Ed.D.