



City of
SIMPSONVILLE

Whereas, the government of SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 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 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

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

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

Whereas, 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 at 64 percent for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and

Whereas, SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

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

Now, Therefore, I, JANICE CURTIS, Mayor of SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 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.

Janice Curtis
Mayor of Simpsonville