

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the City of DeSoto, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions 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 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 over 47.5 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, while 90 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

*Whereas*, the City of DeSoto supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods and join with advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country to endorse the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday;

*Now therefore*, I, Curtistene S. McCowan, by the power vested in me by the State of Texas, Dallas County, and as Mayor of the City of DeSoto, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018, as:

## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of DeSoto.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of DeSoto, Texas, to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



  
Curtistene S. McCowan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kisha R. Morris-Perkins, City Secretary