



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the government of Grand Prairie, Texas, 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 2000-2017; and*

*WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 47.5 percent of the working population in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in the United States agree that 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, support of our entrepreneurial businesses improves our local economy; for every \$100 spent at a locally-owned small business, \$68 remains in the local economy compared to only \$48 if spent at a national chain; and*

*WHEREAS, Grand Prairie, Texas 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 Ron Jensen, on behalf of the citizens and City Council of Grand Prairie, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of November 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.*

*WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, this 1st day of November, 2018.*

  
Ron Jensen  
Mayor