

City of Portsmouth

Proclamation

Whereas, the government of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, 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 businesses with employees in the United States companies, and create over two-thirds of new jobs over the past 17 years; and

Whereas, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of the working population in the United States; and

Whereas, Portsmouth, Virginia supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

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

Now, Therefore, I, John L. Rowe, Jr., Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018 as

"Small Business Saturday"

in Portsmouth, 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.

In Witness Whereof, and on behalf of the Portsmouth City Council, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Portsmouth, Virginia to be affixed this thirteenth day of November, two thousand eighteenth.



John L. Rowe, Jr.
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Mayor