



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** We celebrate 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% of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000-2017; and

**Whereas:** Small businesses employ over 47.5% of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

**Whereas:** 90% 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:** 89% of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods

**Whereas:** Advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of **November 25, 2018** as:**

## **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

in Bellevue and urge all residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year

John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue