

Proclamation



Whereas, the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our economy and community; and,

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the nation. They represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, and are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created over the past eighteen years; 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 say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community, and 89 percent say that this day encourages them to shop small all year long; and,

Whereas, advocacy groups, as well as, public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as *Small Business Saturday*; and,

Whereas, Bridgeport supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods.

Now Therefore, I, Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018 as

“Small Business Saturday”

In the Great City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the
City of Bridgeport to be affixed this 24th day of November A.D. 2018.



Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor