



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** *The City of Miami Gardens, Florida celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions that they make to our 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 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community (64 percent); and*
- WHEREAS:** *90 percent of consumers in the United States say 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:** *The City of Miami Gardens supports our local businesses that create jobs, enhance the economic vitality of our communities; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *Be it resolved, that I, Oliver Gilbert, Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, along with my colleagues of the City Council: Dr. Erhabor Ighodaro, Felicia Robinson, Lisa C. Davis, Rodney Harris, Lillie Q. Odom, and David Williams Jr., on behalf of the Residents, do hereby proclaim November 24, 2018, as:*

“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”

in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida. We urge all Residents to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed and the Official Seal of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, affixed hereto this 24th 2018.

Oliver Gilbert, Mayor

