



*"A City for All Ages"*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ over 47 percent of the working population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Port St. Lucie currently has 7,765 registered businesses within the City limits, most of which are small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Port St. Lucie recognizes the importance of our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our quality of life and local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, during the holidays, when we are shopping for family and friends, it is good to remember the difference small businesses make in our lives and how our decisions to shop locally can be the difference in the life of a small business; 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**, joining in the observation of Small Business Saturday is an additional way in which our City can help our small businesses do more business.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do hereby proclaim that November 24, 2018, be observed as:

## Small Business Saturday

In Port St. Lucie and encourage our citizens to support small businesses on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, to be affixed, this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

A blue ink signature of Gregory J. Oravec.

Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

A blue ink signature of Karen A. Phillips.

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk