



BY THE CITY OF GRAYSON, GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2018

**WHEREAS:** the government of the City of Grayson, GA, 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 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99.7 percent of American companies, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and

**HEREAS:** small businesses employ 48 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

**WHEREAS:** 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

**WHEREAS:** 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

**WHEREAS,** Grayson, GA 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 country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Allison Wilkerson, Mayor of Grayson, GA do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

***SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY***

**And** 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.

Given unto my hand and seal at Grayson, Georgia on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

  
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Mayor Allison Wilkerson