

Office of the Mayor
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the government of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa celebrates 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 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, 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, 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, 73 percent of consumers who reportedly shopped small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the Country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Matt Bemrich, Mayor of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Fort Dodge to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2018.



Matt Bemrich, Mayor