

## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States who represent 99.7% of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 65.9% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.5% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 90% of consumers in the United States say Small Business Saturday has had a positive impact on their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 89% of consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

**WHEREAS**, 73% 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 most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington, IL celebrates and supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; 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, ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL, I, GARY W. MANIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018 AS:**

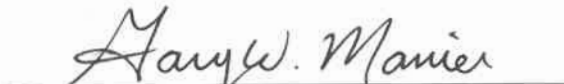
### **“SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY”**

and encourage the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

**PROCLAIMED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

ATTEST:

  
Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk

  
Gary W. Manier, Mayor