

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** South Bend, Indiana 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, are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses employ 45.3 percent of the employees in the private sector in the South Bend-Mishawaka area; 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 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,** South Bend, Indiana supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities, such as with the establishment of the West Side Small Business Resource Center; and
- WHEREAS,** advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

*Therefore, I, Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana, 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.*

**Signed and sealed this 24th day of
November Two Thousand and Eighteen**



Pete Buttigieg, Mayor