

**PROCLAMATION
OFFICES OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the government of Livonia, Michigan, 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 99.75 percent of all businesses with employees, are responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017 and employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of consumers in the United States say **Small Business Saturday** has had a positive impact on their community and 89 percent of consumers said the day encourages them to shop small all year long; and

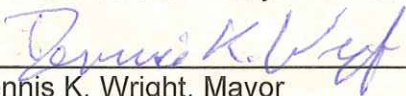
WHEREAS, 73 percent of consumers who shopped small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on **Small Business Saturday** did so with friends or family while 64 percent reported they shop small in support of their community; and

WHEREAS, Livonia, Michigan supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities,

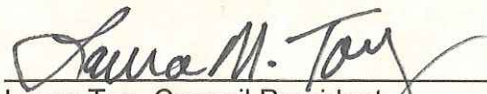
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis K. Wright, Mayor of the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby take this means to join with the Livonia City Council to proclaim November 24, 2018, as **Small Business Saturday**, and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country 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 Seal of the Office of Mayor to be affixed this 7th day of November, 2018.



Dennis K. Wright, Mayor




Laura Toy, Council President



Jim Jolly, Council Vice-President



Scott Bahr, Councilmember



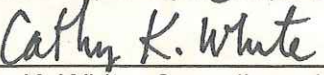
Brandon M. Kritzman, Councilmember



Kathleen E. McIntyre, Councilmember



Brian Meakin, Councilmember



Cathy K. White, Councilmember