

CITY OF SAGINAW

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: there are currently 30 million small businesses in the United States, according to the United States Small Business Administration. These businesses create two-thirds of the net new jobs and generate half of the private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS: small businesses employ 47 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS: 90 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

WHEREAS: 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community and to pledge support for a “buy local” movement; and

WHEREAS: Saginaw is home to several local owned businesses, stores, and specialty shops. Saginaw also offers a wide array of local owned restaurants, cafes and bistros that are some of the most well-established and popular gathering places in the City; and

WHEREAS: the members of the Saginaw City Council support our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods. We celebrate these local businesses and the contribution they make to our community; and

WHEREAS: advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis D. Browning, Mayor of the City of Saginaw, do hereby proclaim **November 24, 2018**, as

“Small Business Saturday”

in the City of Saginaw and urge all residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants in the City of Saginaw on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



Dennis D. Browning, Mayor

Councilpersons

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Michael D. Balls, Annie Boensch, Clint Bryant,
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John Milne and Brenda F. Moore*

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