

**Township of West Milford**  
Passaic County, New Jersey

~ **Proclamation** ~

**2018**  
**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the Township of West Milford, New Jersey 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 28.8 million small businesses in the United States. They represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States and are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ over 48 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

**WHEREAS**, 91% of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

**WHEREAS**, 76% of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford, New Jersey supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

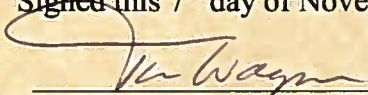
**WHEREAS**, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tim Wagner, Acting Mayor of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 24, 2018 as

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**SATURDAY**

in the Township of West Milford and I urge all residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018

  
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Tim Wagner, Acting Mayor

