



## Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:** the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States that represent more than 99 percent of American employer firms, create more than 66 percent of the net new jobs, and generate 46 percent of private gross domestic product as well as 54 percent of all U.S. sales; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ over 48 percent of the working population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of consumers in the United States agree small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree it is important for people to support the small businesses they value in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bowling Green supports our local businesses who 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.

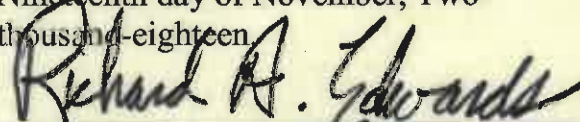
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard A. Edwards, Mayor of City of Bowling Green, Ohio, do hereby proclaim, November 24, 2018, as:

### **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.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have herewith subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the City of Bowling Green to be affixed this Nineteenth day of November, Two-thousand-eighteen.

  
Richard A. Edwards, Mayor