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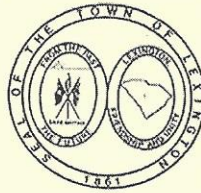
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A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Lexington, South Carolina 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 representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States and they are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years; AND

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

WHEREAS, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently owned restaurants and bars is important; AND

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Lexington, South Carolina that *Saturday, November 24, 2018* is hereby declared as *Small Business Saturday* and all citizens are urged to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2018.

Steve MacDougall, Mayor

